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PRES. HOOVER AGROUND OFF FORMOSA

Bound direct from Kobe to Manila, with Hong Kong as her next port of call, the flagship of the Dollar Line, the President Hoover, with more than 650 passengers on board, went ground last night on a island off the south coast of Formosa.

The great liner, 21,936 tons, commanded by Captain Yardley, is in no immediate danger, but she is apparently hard aground, and there is no information available at the moment regarding weather conditions.

First message was received by Mr. T. B. Wilson, Hong Kong manager of the Dollar Line, at 12.22 a.m. to-day, stating: "Am aground in Lat. 22°40' N., Long. 121°28' E. on Hoisho To Island, just off the south end of Formosa, about 17 miles from Taito."

NEEDS ASSISTANCE

At 1.30 a.m. a second message stated: "Ship is in no immediate danger, but needs assistance."

At 3.20 a.m., Captain Yardley wirelessed: "Send assistance and salvage tug."

It is understood that two or three ships have answered the calls of the President Hoover and are standing by, but their names are not yet known.

SALVAGE TUG SENT

The Taikoo Dock have been asked to send a salvage tug to the scene. There is no question for the moment of taking off the passengers. Messages from the Hoover indicate that she has not suffered any serious damage as a result of the grounding, and it is hoped that she will speedily be refloated.

GRIM BATTLING IN CITY STREETS

Nanking, To-day.

Fate of the city is hanging in the balance as Chinese soldiers, running the gauntlet of the vigorous Japanese offensive from three sides, are making a last desperate stand to defend the nation's capital against capture by the enemy.

According to a Japanese report early this morning, the situation of the Chinese defenders is "extremely critical" although their staunch stand is being continued despite incessant pounding of their positions by Japanese artillery and bombing of communication lines and concentration points by endless relays of Japanese planes.

Blood ran dark on the cobblestones of the streets of Nanking last night, as the Chinese fought desperately against the advancing Japanese.

According to Japanese reports, the honour of being the first Japanese troops to enter the historic walled inner city went to the force commanded by Col. Wakizaka. — Reuter.

BATTLE OF GRENADES

Shanghai, To-day.
Under the cover of heavy artillery fire, supported by one of the largest fleets of war-planes seen in the sky at one time since hostilities started, the Wakizaka Brigade stormed the Gate of Glory (Kwong Wa Gate) shortly after the "Big Push" began.

After close quarter fighting, in which hand grenades were used, and which lasted over three hours, the Gate having been smashed to smithereens by direct hits from Japanese artillery, mounted on the nearby hills, was carried in a storming rush.

The Wakizaka Brigade poured into the inlet and the last message received here states that the bloodiest street fights are now going on within the walls of the Capital.

MATSU'S MESSAGE

Shanghai, To-day.
When news of the Wakizaka Brigade's success reached the main forces beyond the walls, lusty shouts of "Banzai" from thousands of

throats punctuated the unceasing din of rifles, machine-guns, howitzers and trench mortars.

An hour later, field wireless brought congratulations from Gen. (Continued on Page 24)

JAPAN'S COMMANDER AT NANKING

Tokyo, To-day.
Imperial Headquarters announce that Lt.-Gen. Prince Yasuhiko Asaka, son-in-law of the late Emperor Meiji, has been appointed to command of the Japanese forces on the Nanking front. — Reuter.

R.A. OFFICER BADLY HURT

The Inspector General of Police, the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, was instrumental in lending timely aid to an Army officer, Lt. P. Nicholson, of the Royal Artillery, who met with a nasty accident on the Castle Peak Road.

From a report made by Mr. King, it appears that he discovered private car No. 2873, owned by Lt. Nicholson, of Taikoo Camp, in a badly damaged condition, at about 7.20 p.m. near Taikoo Chung, on the Castle Peak Road.

Lt. Nicholson, badly injured, was removed to the Bowen Road Hospital where he was found to be suffering from concussion. He was unable to give an account of the accident.

The car has been removed to the Yaumati Police Station.

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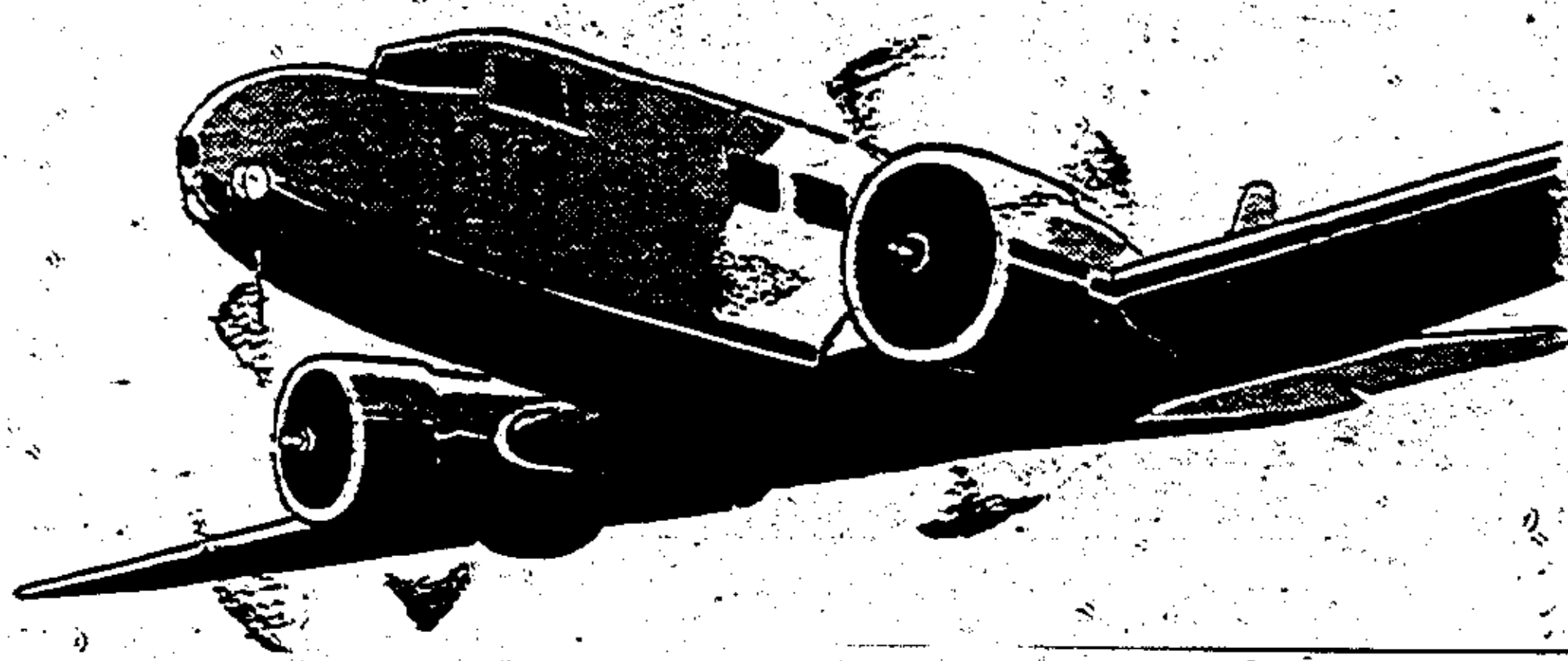
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Flying Officer Clouston and Mrs. Kirby Green reached Croydon on Nov. 20 after their record flight to the Cape and back. Photo shows Flying Officer Clouston and Mrs. Kirby Green getting out of their plane on arrival at Croydon. (Fox Copyright: By Air Mail).

ITALY TRIES OUT FLEXIBLE WINGS ON PLANE

An airplane wing flexible like the wing of a bird and patented five years ago in Washington, is being given a tryout by the Italian air force.

Under the eyes of the investor, Ugo Antonio, of Pisa, an experimental plane is under construction at the enormous "air city" of Guidonia, near Rome.

Antonio's airplane is a combination of the flexible wing idea and an invention consisting of an automatically flexible section of the wing which varies its curvature according to the speed of the plane and acts as a stabilizer.

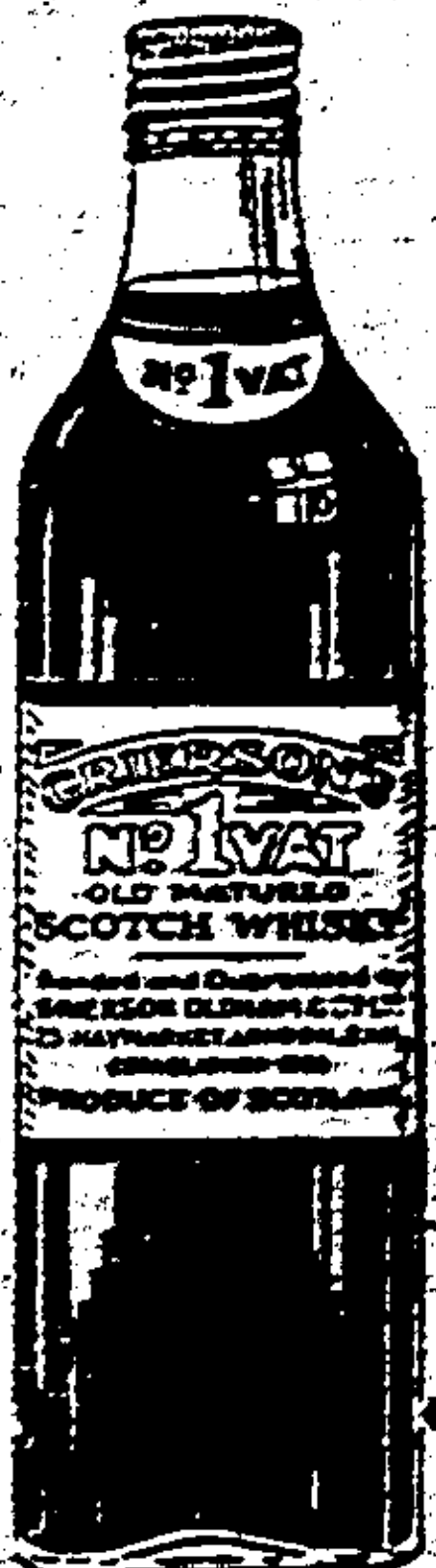
Antonio's plane was given a tryout some years ago in England. It gave excellent performance until one day when it was wrecked. Since then he has refined his plans.

He says the plane will rise 3,000 feet in 18 minutes, can change its velocity from 300 to 100 m.p.h. in six seconds by varying the curvature of the wing, can land practically within its own length and can rise almost vertically.

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1 p.m.—Local Time Signal & Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Czech Philharmonic Orchestra.
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No. 13 in B Flat Minor.
No. 16 in A Flat Major (Dvorak).
1.15 p.m.—Latest Dance Times.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Ragby Press; Local Weather Forecast & Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Variety.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—Brahms—Quartet In A Minor.

Op. 51, No. 2. Played by the Lerner String Quartet.
7.33 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations & Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7.58 p.m.—Studio—Doreen Ma at the Piano.
1. Medley from 'Wake Up & Live'.
Intro: There's a Lull in my Life.
It's swell of you; Never in a Million Years; Wake Up & Live.
2. Truckin'.
3. Stardust.
4. Tea for Two.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.05 p.m.—London Relay—'As I See It'—6: A talk by the Rt. Hon. Margaret Bondfield, L.L.D.
8.20 p.m.—London Philharmonic Orchestra and Alexander Kipnis (Bass).
Froissart Overture, Op. 19 (Elgar).
Orchestra.

Der Doppelgänger.
Aufenthalt (Schubert).... Alexander Kipnis with Piano accompaniment by Frank Ribb.
L'Arlesienne Suite (No. 2—Bizet).
Farandole..... Orchestra.
Mannet.....
8.50 p.m.—London Relay—'London Log'. A talk by Cyril Gardiner.
9 p.m.—Variety.
Humorous Sketch—Sandy Goes Courting.... Sandy Powell & Company.
Vocal—
What Have You Done To My Heart (film 'Cafe Collette').
Twilight Serenade..... Clarrine Wright and The Twilight Serenaders.
Humorous Sketch—The Cure (Hiccoughs).... Cicely Courtneidge & Jack Hulbert assisted by Laurence Green & Cecile Dixon.
Vocal—
Mad Dogs and Englishmen (from 'Words and Music').
Lover of my Dreams (from 'Cavalcade').... Noel Coward (Baritone).
Humorous—John Henry's Night Out—John Henry assisted by Gladys Horridge.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
12 midnight.—Close down.

8.40 a.m.—'Sportsman Talking'. Harold Abrahams, on the Empire Games of 1938.
8.55 a.m.—The BBC Empire Orchestra.
9.35 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 9.45 a.m.
9.55 a.m.—'Sprites and Goblins'. Concerning the mysterious Eftland and what happens there.
10.25 a.m.—Close down.

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10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. Freddie Bayco, at the Organ of the Dominion Theatre, Tottenham Court Road, London.
11.15 a.m.—Variety.
11.25 a.m.—'The Old Folks at Home'.
12.50 p.m.—'As I See It'—6. A talk by the Rt. Hon. Margaret Bondfield, L.L.D.
12.20 p.m.—Big Bill Campbell and his Hill-billy Band.
12.50 p.m.—'London Log'.
1.00 p.m.—For the Children: 'Old-time Favourites'.
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
1.55 p.m.—Close down.

TRANSMISSION 3

Frequencies—
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GSD 11.75 Mc/s (19.76 m.)
GSD 11.75 Mc/s (25.53 m.)
GSD 9.51 Mc/s (31.55 m.)
G.M.T.
5.15 a.m.—Big Ben. 'London Log'.
8.25 a.m.—'A Time a Minute', by Peggy Cochrane.
5.00 p.m.—Close down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

A Paying Sacrifice

THE ideal hand for the declarer to play at contract bridge is one sprinkled with enough honours to stop the run of adverse suits and containing length, not only in the trump suit, sufficient to stand repeated forces, but another long side suit in addition. When a player is fortunate enough to be favoured with such distribution, he can make bids that otherwise would appear insane because contract has this in common with war, sooner or later the sheer weight of mere numbers will destroy the superior strength of the honour cards. It is for this reason, among others, that freak hands such as the one illustrated below defy successful analysis, except upon the basis of seeing all the hands. For myself, I admit a fondness for diamond suits of seven or more cards in length. I must also confess, however, that on more than one occasion such hands have proved my undoing. For instance, during the Lenz-Culbertson match of 1932 I twice took penalties of 900, fured on by the long string of diamonds fairly well sprinkled with honours.

In to-day's hand, however, in which North was favoured with a most unusual freak in the way of distribution, there is no story of disaster, simply a mild penalty, and that suffered only by reason of the fact that his partner's hand contained no entries.

East, dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

S. J 10 9 6 3

H. —

D. A Q J 9 5 4 3 2

C. —

WEST

S. K 7 4

H. Q 9 7 3

D. K 10

C. K 10 7 2

EAST

S. A 8

H. A J 8 5 4

D. 6

C. A J 8 6 5

SOUTH

S. Q 5 2

H. K 10 6 2

D. 8 7

C. Q 9 4 3

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1 H	Pass	2 H	3 D
4 C	Pass	4 H	5 D
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

I shall not comment in detail on the bidding except to say that North did not take a very great chance, spades and a favourable location of even with a constantly passing partner. His hands, weak as it has been some chance of success was in honours, was very powerful as against only a very slight risk.

distributionally, and the fact that neither opponent had bid spades suggested that his silent partner might have at least some length in that suit. The reason that North, in this case, failed to show his spade suit at the range of four and preferred instead to bid five diamonds for a sacrifice, was that he knew that with two void suits in his hand, both of which had been bid by an adversary, he could not stand the repeated forces. His choice was a wise one, as to attempt to play this hand in spades would have resulted in disaster. East's decision to double rather than to continue was probably wise, although by very careful play five hearts might be made. Despite the four trumps in the South hand East could still stand one force, and if he carefully guessed the club situation, would fulfil a contract of five.

East opened a heart, and North ruffed. North, taking into consideration the combined holding of eight spades, knew that it would be impossible to enter dummy to take the diamond finesse. He was by no means certain that it would win in any event and decided that his best plan of playing the hand was to lay down the Ace of trumps. The King failed to drop, but now, knowing that only the high trump was out against the hand, he proceeded to lead spades and lost the Ace and King of spades and the King of diamonds.

The hand, of course, could be made if North could find any means of entry to the dummy for one lead through the singly guarded trump King.

Freak hands, as I have said, are laws unto themselves. They are welcomed by all players because they furnish relief from the drab monotony of such distributions as 4-3-3 and 4-4-3-2; and they often yield surprising results. Consider for a moment how a slight change would have permitted North to have fulfilled his contract. Had South held only the Queen and one spade, instead of three spades altogether, North would have had a very good play to fulfil his contract. It is true he would have required two favourable contingencies—an even division of the six outstanding spades and a favourable location of the diamond King—but there would have been some chance of success.

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What's On At the Cinemas

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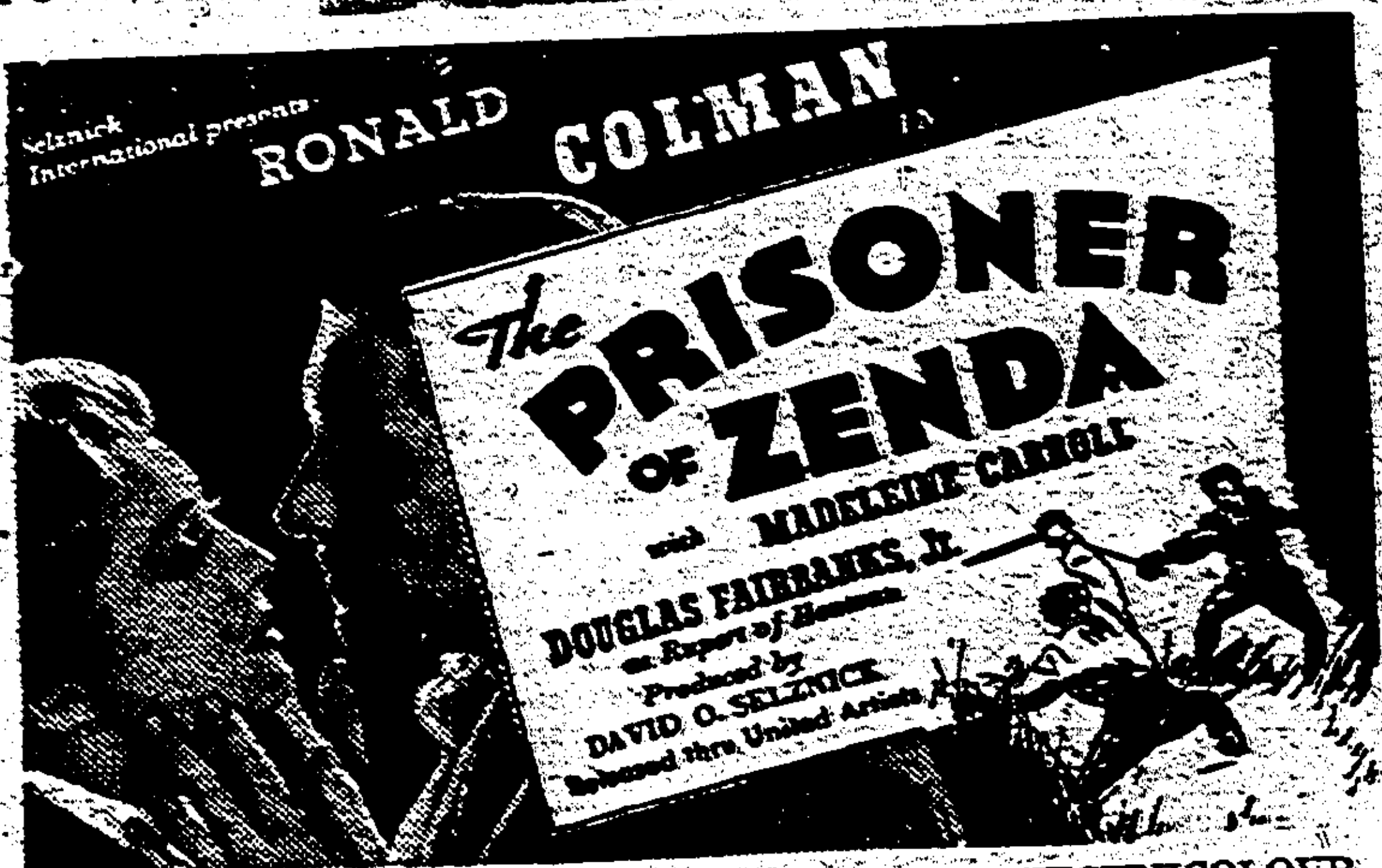
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SPANISH GOVERNMENT FAR FROM BEATEN: MR. ATTLEE'S CONVICTION

London, To-day.

"ANY idea that the Spanish Government is beaten is utterly and entirely false," declared Mr. Clement Attlee, leader of the parliamentary labour party yesterday when he returned from his visit to Spain.

Mr. Attlee said he had gathered the impression that utmost confidence existed, and that it was now impossible for the Nationalists to take Madrid.

Mr. Attlee saw no possibility of accommodation between the two sides, and predicted that the conflict was likely to be a long one, inflicting great hardships on the Spanish people.

Mr. Attlee added that he was told that about 10,000 foreigners were fighting for the Spanish Republican army, strength of which is between 600,000 and 700,000 men.—Renter.

NEW GUNS FROM OLD

Converted 18-Pounders

Pending issue to the Royal Artillery next year of the new 25-pounder gun, 18-pounders of the later models are being converted to fire the heavier shell.

The converted gun will give much better range than the original 18-pounder, but not so good as that of the new weapon.

The effect of this measure is to secure that all field-gun shell production shall be of the same type.

As already reported the 25-pounder combines the characteristics of howitzer and gun. It will replace the 13-pounder gun and the 3.7in howitzer of the Royal Horse Artillery and the 18-pounder gun of the Field Brigades.

It will throw a 25lb shell from 12,000 to 14,000 yards.

BOMBING RAIDS IN KWANGTUNG

Shanghai, To-day.

The Canton-Hankow Railway was bombed at four points by Japanese naval planes yesterday, says a Japanese naval spokesman.

The spokesman added that raids were also made on aerodromes at Yingtak, Pakonghow and Yuantan, in South China.—Trans-Ocean.

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20,000 DEAD FROM DISEASE IN THE SHANGHAI AREA

Plague and other communicable diseases, exposure to the elements and starvation have caused more than 20,000 deaths among destitute Chinese, most of them war refugees, in the International Settlement and the French Concession since the beginning of Sino-Japanese hostilities in the Shanghai area last August.

This appalling revelation is contained in a report just issued by the Pu Shan Benevolent Association, a Chinese charitable organisation engaged in the burial of the dead bodies of paupers and civilian war victims picked up from the refugee camps and the streets of the city.

The organisation employs more than 150 truck drivers and coolies who do nothing else but transport dead. A similar body of workmen are engaged in doing nothing else but manufacturing rough board coffins.

Figures Accurate

It is the only institution of its kind functioning in Shanghai at the present time and the bodies of all dead Chinese destitutes are turned over to it for disposal by the American, British and French health officials. For this reason, its figures are accepted as being as nearly accurate as they possibly can be under existing troubled conditions.

The Association, according to its report, gave burial to an average of 200 bodies daily from August 14, the day after the war started, until November 10, or a total of 19,420. From the latter date, when cold weather set in, up to the present time, the average has been 270 daily, or approximately 4,500, making a grand total of almost 25,000. Of this latter figure, 2,500 were the unidentified bodies of men, women and children killed by bombs and stray shells and bullets which fell in the foreign controlled areas during the siege of Chapei and the sack of Nantao. Another 2,500 bodies buried were brought into the Settlement and the Concession from Chinese governed districts, leaving a 20,000 death toll for the two foreign areas.

30 Per Cent Children

About 30 per cent of these dead were children, many whom had become separated from their parents during the great migrations of refugees from the war zones in August. Another 30 per cent were newly born infants who had either been left abandoned in the streets by their mother or who had died of mal-nutrition.

According to the foreign health authorities, cholera accounted for more than 4,000 deaths out of 8,100 cases reported among war victims who had sought refuge from bullets and shrapnel in the Settlement and the French Concession. The epidemic of this disease has now been checked, deaths having dropped to a mere dozen a week since November 1. This plague is expected to disappear completely before the end of December.

Dysentery is second on the list of diseases causing high death tolls. More than 3,000 deaths have occurred to date and the malady continues to sweep the refugee

camps unchecked. Measles ranks third with 2,000 deaths since the epidemic of this disease started six weeks ago.

Feeding Is Big Job

Beri-beri, typhoid fever, scarlet fever, tuberculosis and diphtheria have been prevalent among the refugees at all times since the beginning of the war and more than 5,000 destitute Chinese have succumbed to these diseases.

Mal-nutrition among infants and starvation among adults are estimated by the health authorities to have been responsible for more than 3,000 deaths while cold and exposure have cost another 2,000 lives.

Although doing their utmost to fight the ravages of both disease and cold, health workers and charitable institutions are facing a more serious problem as the months of December and January approach than they did during the early days of the war. There are more than 350,000 destitute refugees still in the city and the task of feeding them is a colossal one in view of the present food shortage. To make matters worse, many of these unfortunates are still wearing their summer clothing.

SEA MONSTER SEEN BY DEVON ANGLER

"Face Like A Camel's"

Mr. Harold Groves, head gardener to Mr. Cyril Maude, of From the latter date, when cold weather set in, up to the present time, the average has been 270 daily, or approximately 4,500, making a grand total of almost 25,000.

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"I pulled up my fishing gear to climb to the cliff too for a better view, but when I raised my head again I was startled to see right in front of me the head of the monster.

"The monster had a face like a camel's. The head was about 2ft. long. A tuft of hair on the top of the skull was quite thick, otherwise the head was entirely hairless and the skin almost white. It had large, unblinking eyes, bigger than golf balls, and it was really uncanny the way it stared at me."

Mr. Cyril Maude did not see the monster, but his comment was: "My gardener has had a lot of experience of the sea. I am certain he did see the thing he has described to you."

We have been informed that the gross takings from Miss Violet Capell's recent Dancing Display amounted to \$1,362.90. A Draft for \$10 has been forwarded to the London Hospital and a cheque for \$240.00 to the Hongkong Benevolent Society.

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HONG KONG AS SOLITARY REMAINING BAR TO JAPANESE DOMINATION

London, To-day.

THE periodical "Great Britain and the East" features an article by the former Hong Kong journalist, Mr. R. T. Barrett, drawing attention to the vital importance of Hong Kong as the "solitary remaining bar to Japanese dominion of the Far East, now that the Customs at Shanghai is in the Japanese grip.

"As long as Hong Kong remains a great centre of Anglo-Chinese culture, a trade depot, a financial centre and a British naval base, Japan can never feel she is able to do exactly what she likes with China."

The writer urges that Hong Kong must be made safe against aggression, especially from aircraft from Formosa.

The keystone of British policy, now and in the future, he says, must be the proper defence and the integrity of Hong Kong, the last open door into China.—Reuter.

PLOT TO ASSASSINATE M. DELBOS

Paris, To-day.

A message from Prague says that after information from the French police, a Czecho-Slovak one-legged ex-soldier of the Foreign Legion, has been arrested in Czecho-Slovakia on a charge of having planned to assassinate the French Foreign Minister, M. Yvon Delbos.

The man is stated to have admitted authorship of cypher letters seized in France.

He is stated to have a grievance against the French Government, from whom he claims compensation for disability due to military service.—Reuter.

ADMIRAL SIR CHARLES LITTLE COMING SOUTH

Shanghai, To-day.

Shanghai is losing two Admirals within three days, for the British commander-in-chief, Admiral Sir Charles Little, sailed for the South this morning on board H.M.S. Falmouth, while Admiral Harry Yarnell the United States commander, is sailing for Manila on Tuesday next week.

With departure of H.M.S. Falmouth, the only British warship left in Shanghai is H.M.S. Folkestone, another sloop.

Although his destination is not divulged, it is reported that Admiral Little is proceeding to Hong Kong.

His return to Shanghai is uncertain, but he is expected back before April.

Admiral Yarnell's return is also uncertain, though in the event there is no major emergency requiring his presence, it is understood that he is not returning before the Spring.—Reuter.

TIN QUOTA ARRANGEMENT

London, To-day.

The tin quota for the first quarter of 1938 has been fixed at 70 per cent. but Bolivia, the Belgian Congo and Indo-China have agreed to surrender arrears, plus a certain additional tonnage, up to approximately 11,500 tons, the total for 1938.

Tonnage surrendered will be divided between the Netherlands East Indies, Malaya and Nigeria proportionately to their standard tonnages.

This will enable these countries to export at the rate of approximately 80 per cent., while the quota remains at 70 per cent.

Next meeting of the International Tin Committee will be held at The Hague on February 18 next year.—Reuter.

RESTORATION OF THE HAPSBURG ESTATES

Vienna, To-day.

The Austrian Government has decided to restore the Hapsburg estates to the former rulers of Austria.

The decision is not thought to bring restoration of the monarchy any nearer, and merely shows the sympathy of the Chancellor, Dr. Kurt Schuschnigg, with the monarchist principle.—Reuter.

IMPROVED MEDITERRANEAN SITUATION

London, To-day.

As evidence of recent improvement in the Mediterranean situation, two R.A.F. air squadrons which have been conducting anti-piracy patrol, are returning to England.

It is pointed out that this does not mean ending of the patrol, as the planes can be replaced at any time at 24-hours' notice.—Reuter.

EDINBURGH-GLASGOW EXPRESS DISASTER

Thirty-Four Passengers Believed Among Dead

STORM RAGING AS TERRIBLE SMASH OCCURS

London, To-day.

Thirty-four passengers are believed to have lost their lives yesterday when the Edinburgh-Glasgow express crashed into the rear of a stationary passenger train from Dundee on the L.N.E.R., at Castlecary, near Falkirk, in Stirlingshire.

A storm was raging when the tragic smash occurred, and terrible scenes were enacted after the engine of the express had been thrown down the embankment. Two of the coaches were telescoped and literally smashed to smithereens.

The only official estimate of the death-roll so far gives 24 killed, but two more bodies were extricated from the tangled mass of wreckage, and the final toll will, it is believed, exceed 34.

It was the worst railway disaster in Britain since 1915.

Villagers rushed to the scene to help in aiding the injured, and found ghastly scenes as dead and injured passengers lay in wrecked carriage apartments and in the snow beside the line.

Buses were requisitioned to take the injured to hospital, and improvised stretchers were used pending the arrival of ambulances, which were rushed across the snowbound country from nearby towns.

WRECKAGE SET ON FIRE

Passengers on the express are reported to include a number of Cameron Highlanders on Christmas leave from Catterick.

The wreckage was set on fire to provide light for the rescuers.

A survivor said that before the crash he saw a man running on the line, waving a lamp and evidently trying to stop the train.—Reuter.

I.G.P. TO HAVE TITLE OF COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

For the second time within a few years, the title of the officer in charge of the Police Department is to be changed.

Under the terms of a draft bill in the Gazette, the title of the Inspector-General of Police will be changed to

Commissioner of Police

The title of Deputy Inspector-General will be changed to

Deputy Commissioner

The title of Police Probationer will be changed to

Police Cadet.

The principal office was known until a few years ago as Captain Superintendent of Police.

Mr. C. G. Perdue will probably be Hong Kong's first police officer to bear the title of Commissioner of Police as the Hon. Mr. T. H. King is proceeding on leave.

U.S. RAILWAYS MAY BE TAKEN OVER BY THE GOVERNMENT

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt declared at a press conference yesterday that while he wanted to avoid Government ownership of railways, steps must be taken to adjust their financial condition.

The President reminded his hearers that real receiverships could not continue without such steps, and therefore he desired prompt decision on the freight rates question.

He revealed that he had discussed the matter of loans, but they would be small and temporarily would be made to a few railways

JAPAN, CHINA AND GERMANY

Berlin, To-day.

News that the Japanese Cabinet will not recognise General Chiang Kai-shek's Government after fall of Nanking, is published in Berlin without comment.

It is reliably understood that the German Government is not likely to follow the Japanese example.—Reuter.

UNCOMPLETED A.A. GUN LEFT TO MUSEUM

Capetown, To-day.

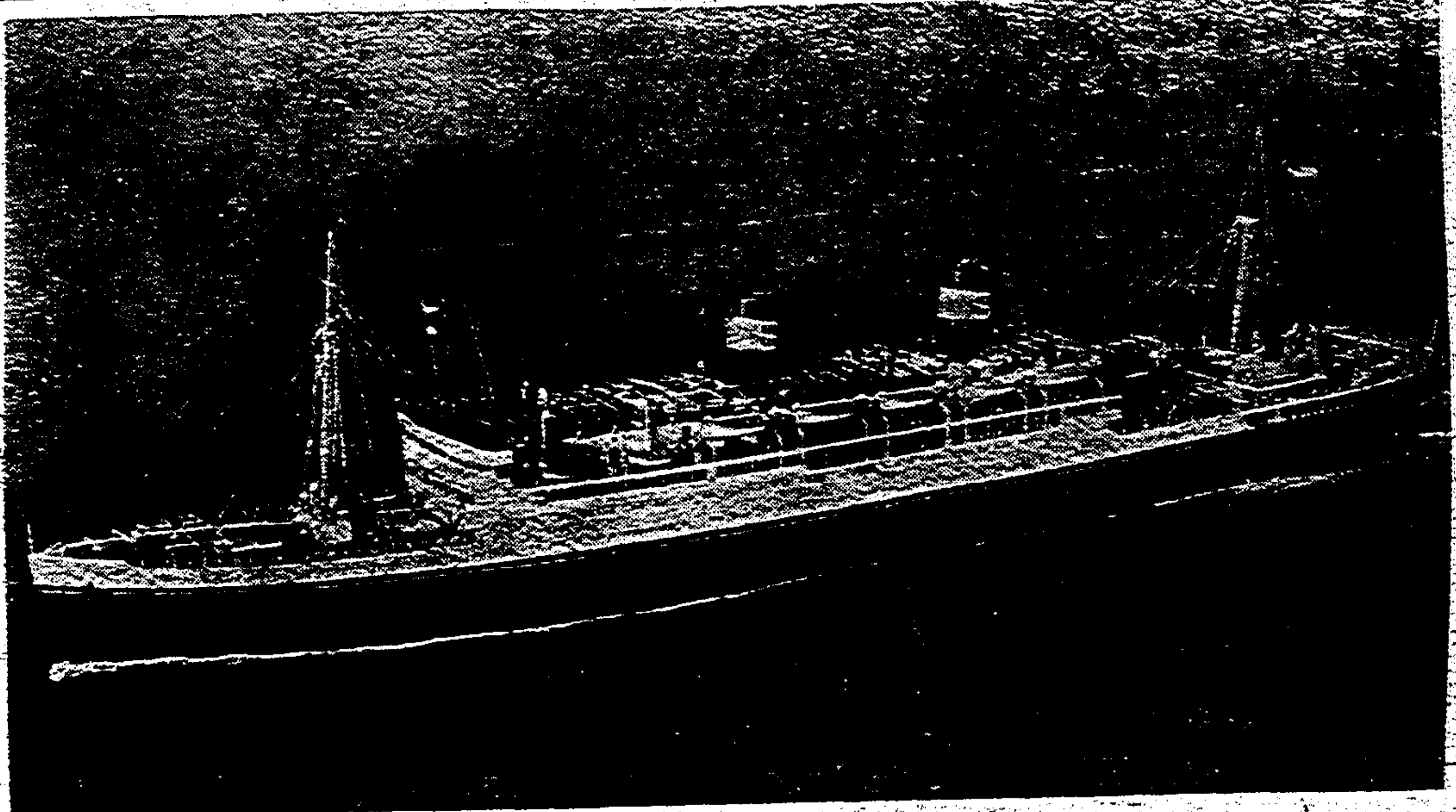
The late Major B. F. Baden-Powell, brother of the Chief Scout, left an uncompleted invention of his to the Pretoria Museum.

It is a model of a new type anti-aircraft gun, on which he had been working for ten years before his death.

The gun was based on the principle of firing by centrifugal force, with no smoke, no noise and no flash.—Reuter.

pending outcome of the freight rates case.

The Chief Executive expressed the opinion that the Inter-State Commerce Commission should originate a plan to preserve solvency, private management and ownership of railways.—Reuter.



The President Hoover which went aground off the south of Formosa last night.

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HAS it ever occurred to you, sir—no, don't get off the kerb, I'm not going to hit you—has it ever occurred to you that you have as much right as the next man to be wrong?

There are too many of us patting about scraping our feet apologetically on everybody's mat, always passing other people the salt, who sometimes feel guilty and frustrated because we are not so dominating as the strong men in the advertisements. Take heart, little brother! I, too, am stumpy; I, too, apologise at once when large men tread on my feet; I, too, am continually passing the salt. But I have just read that you and I are the cream of civilisation.

We are the Empire-makers, we are the builders of dreams. We have been laughed at through the centuries, imprisoned often, martyred sometimes and always derided. But we are Edison, the news butcher on the railroad; we are Henry Ford and the dreamer who watched steam coming out of a kettle, the boy Watt in his cottage. We are Zola, who dared defend liberty. We are Newton, Galileo and Sir Thomas More. And now, since we are famous, we are being psycho-analysed. They have discovered that we are the man whose mind is filled with murder at football matches and big fights. We are the man who shouts, "Full back? Garn! He wouldn't make a back for a dress waistcoat." We are the frantic voice that cries, "Kill him, Sailor! Use your left man, use your left!" And the psychologist, the cunning devil, points out maliciously that had we been the only man at the match, the solitary spectator at the fight, we would not have dared utter a word. But with the crowd we become homicidal, we become lunatics for an hour. We live madly in the heroes we watch, purging our system of its pent-up hell.

When we go home, small unnoticed Jekylls, we leave the homicidal Hyde standing outside. We wipe our feet on the mat, say, "Yes, dear," and obediently go upstairs for the library book. Then we sit in the second best armchair and dream. We are the bantam battalion, the phantom battalion, the boys whom the medals miss. But we hold the fort for the wife, and watch the baby and in some obscure way are the kings of the earth. It says so in the magazines. You knew it all along? I'm so sorry, sir, I really do apologise, I am so sorry, if there's anything I can do, anything at all.

In the States they have begun delivering kisses by wire for the benefit, I fear, of men like us. You send the kiss by telegram and the telegraph company sees that there's someone at the other end to take the rap. It's just a shade too simple. You don't even have to kiss the telegraph company at your end! They think because we can sublimate our fury at a fight, we can expend our love by cable. No, no, NO. It's too expensive. We shall stick to our shy, little xxx's at the end of the letter!

Hints for little men. What do you when an 18st. battleship, with dyed hair and glassy eyes, snarls: "Why the devil didn't you lead trumps, sir, if I may ask?" Bow meekly and murmur: "Because I love you, Ma'am." It succeeds every time! What do you do if a fierce, middle-aged woman in the bus shouts: "Why don't you give me your seat, sir, if I may ask?" Bow meekly and murmur: "I only do it for elderly ladies, Mademoiselle." What do you do if someone larger than yourself swipes your beer "by accident," and you haven't any money left? Personally I've no idea. I just want to know.



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ITALY'S WITHDRAWAL FROM LEAGUE OF NATIONS

"Membership Has Been A Farce For Two Years"

SERIOUS OBSTACLE TO ANGLO-ITALIAN RAPPROCHEMENT

London, To-day.

Possible Italian withdrawal from the League of Nations, which is expected to be announced some time to-day, has attracted unusual attention in British political and press circles, although it is admitted that such a step by Signor Mussolini was not unexpected.

The newspapers splash the story under streamer headlines, most of them agreeing that such action would without doubt constitute a serious obstacle to further rapprochement between Britain and Italy.

The "Daily Telegraph" refers in this connection to Mr. Neville Chamberlain's wish for direct expression of opinion between the two governments, which should begin with conversations between the British Ambassador in Rome, the Earl of Perth, and the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano.

The paper says, however, that the state of affairs in the past two months has been such as to prevent discussions of any kind.

It intimates that Italian withdrawal from the League would mean indefinite postponement of any discussions between the two nations.

NON-INTERVENTION

Italian withdrawal is hailed by the "Daily Mail" as opening the way to the direct discussions proposed by the British Prime Minister.

The paper features a message from its Rome correspondent that the Duce intends in the near future to submit a plan for solution of the non-intervention problem to the Western Powers which will reveal his willingness to make extensive concessions.

This plan, says the paper, is inspired by a wish to improve Anglo-Italian relations, although it is in reality based upon Italian reaction to British policy.

"HERALD" ATTACK

The "Daily Herald" sharply attacks Italy, declaring that Italian membership of the League has been a farce for two years.

"The vociferous applause with which Mussolini has encouraged Japanese criminal action in China, and his refusal to participate in international co-operation, indicate plainly his attitude towards the League."

The step the Duce is planning to take reveals his preference for power over peace, justice and liberty.

The paper hopes that English champions of Italy, who include a number of Ministers, will finally have the scales removed from their eyes and perceive the goal towards which the Duce is striving.—Trans-Ocean.

NO INDUCEMENT

Tokyo, To-day.

Impending withdrawal of Italy from the League is well received by the Japanese press.

The papers deny reports that Japan and Germany, all along have been trying to induce Italy to take this step.—Trans-Ocean.

MR. LANDON NOT TO STAND AGAIN

Washington, To-day. Mr. Alfred Landon, Governor of Kansas, stated yesterday that he will not be a candidate for Republican presidential nomination in 1940, and would not accept nomination if it was offered to him. Governor Landon was Republican nominee in the 1936 election, when he was heavily defeated by President Roosevelt.—Reuter.

The P. and O. s.s. "Behar" left Kobe at 2 p.m. on the 9th instant and is due here on the 14th instant at about 10 a.m.

MILITARY ADMINISTRATION BY JAPAN

Tokyo, To-day.

Chinese territory now occupied by Japanese troops will be placed under military administration, the "Yomiuri Shimbun" predicts in an editorial dealing with the "ambiguous legal status" of this area.

The newspaper declares that as far as the current incident is concerned there are no proper provisions in international law, binding relations between two parties or between Japan and third parties.

Under present circumstances, it is admissible for the army of occupation to create organs necessary for maintenance of local peace and order and to exercise civil administration, including such functions as taxation and education.—Reuter.

THIS WEEK ON THE LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Messrs. G. A. Harriman and Co.'s pathetically with the tone of the weekly share report and market war, and political news from the review issued on Friday night North. The current rate is about \$1525, after transactions down to \$1490. Unions are wanted at \$575, and there are also buyers for Canton Fires near \$270. Hong Kong Fires however are available around \$245.

It is still very quiet in the local market with business, at a low ebb, which in view of the tense situation in North China could hardly be expected to be otherwise. Overseas markets are also in the doldrums for shares and stock markets take a back seat when other and more sensational matters distract public attention.

Fair business has been passing in utility stocks at slightly declining rates. Hong Kong Electric came on offer, from \$55 down to \$53½. Telephones (old) are lower at \$26½ and the "New" at \$9 sales. Star Ferries slipped to \$30 business done and Yaumatis are on offer at \$25. The China Light annual profits are slightly below those of last year, but the dividend is maintained at 50c (10%). The company proposes to issue the balance of its unissued capital, viz 200,000 shares, at par to shareholders, in the proportion of 1 share to 2. Publication of these particulars caused a slightly easier market for the old shares, down to \$11½ and the New to 11/05 cum all. The "rights" are bid for at \$5½.

The buying rate for Sandakan Lights has been raised to \$14½, without any sales eventuating. Hong Kong Trams have been an easier market, down to \$13½.

Possibly the feature of a dull week has been Cements, which on dividend prospects, have firmed to \$12.85, sales.

Dairies eased to \$24 and Watsons are \$4¾. William Powells are higher at 75 cts. and China Entertainments, on good business, have risen to \$5 buyers. Marsman Hong Kong are a quite nominal market, either side of 4/6.

Hong Kong Banks continue to fluctuate and see-saw in price, sym-

There are small buyers of Donglass S.S. at near \$48¾. Docks have eased to \$28 after sales higher and Providents came down to \$2.02½ and the "new" to 25 cts.

Hotels were dealt in at \$5.20 and Lands at \$31½.

The Manila market doesn't appear to have a kick left in it, and it may be some consolation to us here to know, that if business is quiet in Hong Kong, it is stagnant in Manila.

However there are a few hopeful ones abroad, wishing to buy Antamoks around 80 cts. San Maricosis at about the same and Consolidated Mines at something over 2 cents.

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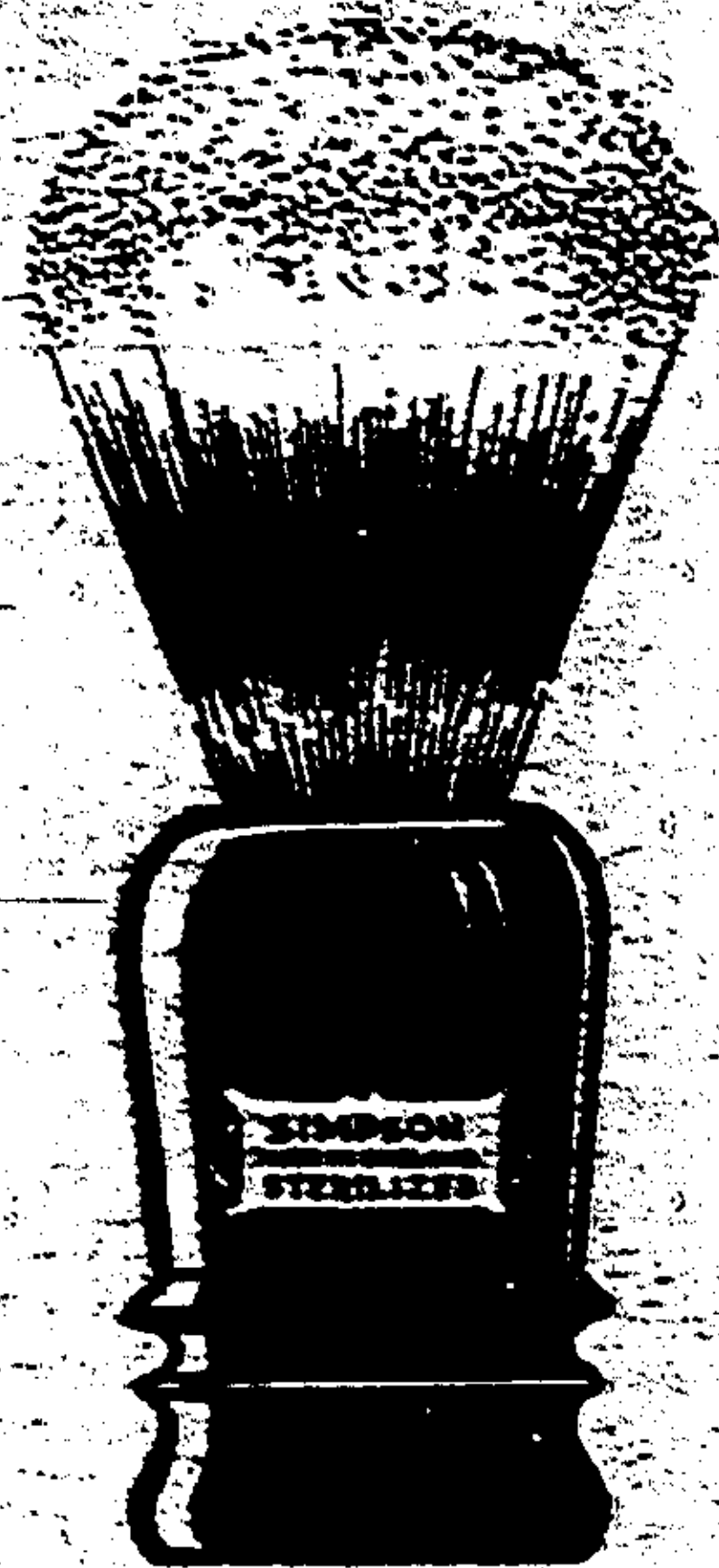
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GEN. MATSUI'S
PAN-ASIANISM

The interesting thing about General Matsui's ultimatum to Nanking, which met with the expected answer, was the stress laid upon the historical fame of Nanking, its position as the keystone of Oriental civilisation, and the presence there of priceless cultural relics of a great past. From the headquarters of a military leader who has shown nothing but ruthlessness in the pursuance of the campaign, such an ultimatum would appear to be little more than another example of military cynicism; yet there is something to suggest otherwise. It is easier to believe that General Matsui is realist enough to know that the occupation of Nanking without the losses to his troops that storming attacks must involve and without the devastation of bombardment, would leave him in a more comfortable strategical position for the winter and in more comfortable quarters. On the other hand, his offer to leave Nanking unshattered fits in with his known Pan-Asiatic sympathies. General Iwane Matsui is an ardent advocate of Pan-Asianism, and although in its Japanese version it is little more than a thinly disguised scheme for Japanese domination of all Asia, it must at the same time seek the preservation and fostering of high Asiatic culture. This possibly was in General Matsui's mind, although it is surely the most naive of militarist fantasies to imagine that modern wars of conquest can proceed without the steady and wilful destruction of all that stands for culture, not only in monuments, but also in the human life and spirit which carries it on.

One of the professed Japanese war objectives is the eradication of anti-Japanese feeling in China. Yet no Communist or Kuomintang agitator, it is safe to say, could have been so successful in creating "anti-Japanese feeling" as the Japanese Army and Navy have been. So with the Japanese Army and the preservation of Oriental culture.

It is doubtful whether the bombardments and bayonet charges of the troops under his command will win many converts to General Matsui's Pan-Asia ideas among the Chinese. Mr. W. H. Chamberlin, discussing this in the "Christian Science Monitor" recently, explains that he discussed the spread of Pan-Asianism outside Japan with General Matsui. The General admitted that it had found little popular response in China, and that the few Pan-Asian groups which had been formed in China were unable to meet openly because of fears of popular violence. A Japanese-sponsored Pan-Asianism can scarcely be more popular in China to-day, in view of the occurrences of the last few months.

Japan's whole colonial exper-

ience speaks against the likelihood that the Island Empire, if it emerges victorious from the present struggle, will be able to exploit China's man power for future conquests. There is a Manchoukuo army; but it is not regarded as a serious military addition to the Japanese military power. At best it is considered useful for internal police functions. The warning of Tungchow, where Japanese trained Chinese soldiers and police took the first opportunity to rise in revolt and slaughter all the Japanese on whom they could lay hands is still fresh in Japanese memory.

Even in Japan's older colonies, Formosa and Korea, there has been no effort to raise military units among the native populations. Japanese rule has brought unmistakable material benefits to both these countries. But it has been harsh, bureaucratic, unimaginative. Never for a moment has it tended to obliterate the distinction between the Japanese, as the governing class, and the Koreans and Formosans, who were being governed. So the idea that Japan's man power would be increased by victory over China seems quite fallacious. If Manchoukuo can be taken as a precedent, Japan's available forces for other adventures would be reduced because of the necessity of leaving a large permanent army of occupation in whatever part of China they might attempt to bring within the Japanese orbit.

The Shifting Seasons

A recent pronouncement by the secretary of the Royal Meteorological Society in Britain accorded scientific recognition to the fact that the seasons are moving with the times, and that each of them is making its appearance a little later in the year. This tendency of Nature to break her dates is, to the layman, most unexpected; for he imagined that, after having two or three times flung her bonnet over the windmill, or at least her ice-cap over the haunts of men, she had really settled down to a steady routine. Gilbert, it was thought, had enumerated all her possible changes, when he wrote:

The moon in her phases is found,

The time and the wind and the weather,

The months in succession come round,

And you don't find two Mondays together.

Although there is no prospect of our happening on a covey of Mondays, it now appears not improbable that we may find several summery days together at the beginning of November, which is a phenomenon nearly as extraordinary.

It is perhaps the poets who have most reason to complain that Nature has not kept faith with them. Future ages, unless they be well up in climatic history, will regard Shakespeare's daffodils that take the winds of March with beauty as pure freaks; and Browning's aspiration,

Oh, to be in England

Now that April's there, will become another of those obscurities for which he is famous. The average Englishman, however, will not take the matter too much to heart; he is inclined to think that there have been times in the past when summer has been twelve months overdue.

PENSIONS FOR MERCHANT NAVY OFFICERS

New British Scheme To Start Next Year

HIGHER PAY TO MEET CONTRIBUTIONS

At a meeting held in London agreements were signed which virtually assured pensions to the great majority of the officers of the British Merchant Navy.

This is, perhaps, the crowning achievement of a year remarkable in our shipping annals, a year which has brought the tramp shipowners' co-operative scheme, the new Board of Trade rules raising the standard of living accommodation for merchant seamen, and the Admiralty's plan for training Merchant Navy officers in war-time defence duties.

The idea of providing pensions for Merchant Navy officers has long been mooted. The first concrete proposals were made at least 10 years ago by Capt. H. W. Coombs, master mariner and barrister-at-law, who is general manager of the Officers' (Merchant Navy) Federation.

It was realised, however, that until shipping had entered on a phase of comparative prosperity such a scheme would present many difficulties. For this reason it was left in abeyance till the autumn of last year, when the industry began to show definite signs of revival.

At this timely juncture Capt. Coombs produced his detailed proposals, which form the basis of the plan which has now been accepted.

The parties represented at the meeting were the Shipping Federation and the Port of Liverpool Employers' Association for the owners, and the Officers' Federation, the Marine Engineers' Association, the Mercantile Marine Service Association, and the Amalgamated Engineering Union.

INCLUSION IN SHIP ARTICLES

It was agreed to institute a Merchant Navy Officers' Pensions Fund, and also that the requisite increase should be made in officers' pay to cover the cost of their contributions, namely, 3½ per cent. As the owners are to contribute at the same rate, the total increase in pay is equivalent to 7½ per cent.

It was further approved that these agreements should be embodied in ships' articles, the effect of which will be to make them binding.

Although it is impossible to give exact figures, the scheme is expected to operate approximately as follows:

An officer who joined the scheme at 21 and who had the average successful career should be able at 65 to count on a yearly pension of £240.

An officer joining at 35 who had a moderately successful career should at 65 draw a pension of £130.

It is obvious that the younger generation of officers will be the chief beneficiaries, but this very fact will tend to make the Merchant Navy a more attractive career.

Providing that an enabling bill goes through Parliament—to legalise the assignment of seamen's pay for the purpose in view—the scheme will come into operation on January 1 for foreign-going ships. In the case of coastwise shipping it will become operative on the first opening of articles in 1938, and in any case not later than February 1.

The adoption of the scheme is a personal triumph for Capt. Coombs, whose efforts on their behalf are recognised by the entire seafaring community.

All officers working under National Maritime Board agreements will be covered by the scheme. This means an overwhelming majority. The only important exceptions will be officers employed by certain companies which have their own legalised pension funds.

If after five years an officers ceases to be actively employed, he will be entitled to draw out the amount of his own contributions at 2½ per cent. compound interest. Alternatively he can claim a deferred pension secured by the amount of his own and his owners' payments. The minimum death benefit is to be £100.

The fund will be administered by a management committee of eight owners' and eight officers' representatives. They will be charged with the collection of subscriptions and their investment, the later on the advice of an expert investment sub-committee.

NEW ERA OF CO-OPERATION

To enable funds to be held by a corporate body the Merchant Navy Officers' Pension Fund Trustees Ltd. will be formed, to act as trustees, the directors being four owners' and four officers' representatives.

In the final form approved at meeting the scheme was drafted jointly by Mr. Richard Sneddon, general manager of the Shipping Federation, and Capt. W. H. Coombs, with the assistance of a solicitor and an actuary.

"It is, I believe, the greatest scheme of its kind in the world," Capt. Coombs said. "I regard it as the dawn of a new era of co-operative action between shipowners and their officers."

"Above all it is a triumph of good

GAS DANGER TO FOOD

WARTIME SUPPLIES PROTECTION

Information for producers, manufacturers and distributors regarding protection of foodstuffs against contamination by poison gas in time of war, is given in a pamphlet issued by the Air-Raid Precautions Department of the Home Office.

Foodstuffs, for the most part, absorb gas readily, and if badly contaminated would have to be destroyed, it is stated.

The protective value of different types of packing materials is shown. These range from containers such as hermetically sealed glass bottles or tins which, when undamaged, give complete protection to ordinary sacks, such as are used for flour or grain, which give practically no protection.

If it is necessary in an emergency to stack foodstuffs in open quays or depots, they should be covered by large tarpaulins. Open stores of grain and fodder should be similarly protected.

HINTS TO SHOPKEEPERS

There are also hints for shopkeepers. When an air raid warning has been received the shop should be completely closed up to keep out poison gas. Close-fitting doors, windows or shutters will be required.

Stocks should be stored in such a way as to prevent any gas which may enter the shop from penetrating to the food. All supplies should be kept as long as possible in their original packing, and further protection given by keeping them in cupboards, drawers and boxes, instead of on open shelves.

It would be necessary to observe these safeguards throughout a war, as the period of warning before an air raid is likely to be short.

The protection of stocks of food in private houses will be dealt with in a general handbook for householders, now being prepared.

will on both sides. Much more remains to be done before the Merchant Navy becomes an ideal profession, but this scheme alone should render it far more attractive as a career."

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MIXING PROBLEM

Later it was applied to points and live rails on railway lines. It absolutely prevents the formation of ice on any substance coated with it.

Ice formation, as is well known, is probably the greatest danger encountered by aircraft flying in bad weather during the winter.

The preparation seemed to offer a solution of the problem, but the difficulty has been to mix it with other substances which would prevent it from being almost immediately blown away from the wings, struts, and propeller blades of aircraft in flight.

SMEARED ON

In the past few months research has been so successful that the compound known as "Kilfroast" is now used on all Imperial Airways Empire Flying boats and European airliners. At Groydon I saw it—a greenish yellow paste, rather resembling axle grease in appearance—being smeared on the liner Horatius just before she took off on the regular 12.30 service to Paris.

The paste is applied by hand, and a very large machine, such as Horatius, takes about 25 lbs. of it at one application.

Many other companies are interested in the compound. Two tons of it have been shipped to America for tests.

Those who know...

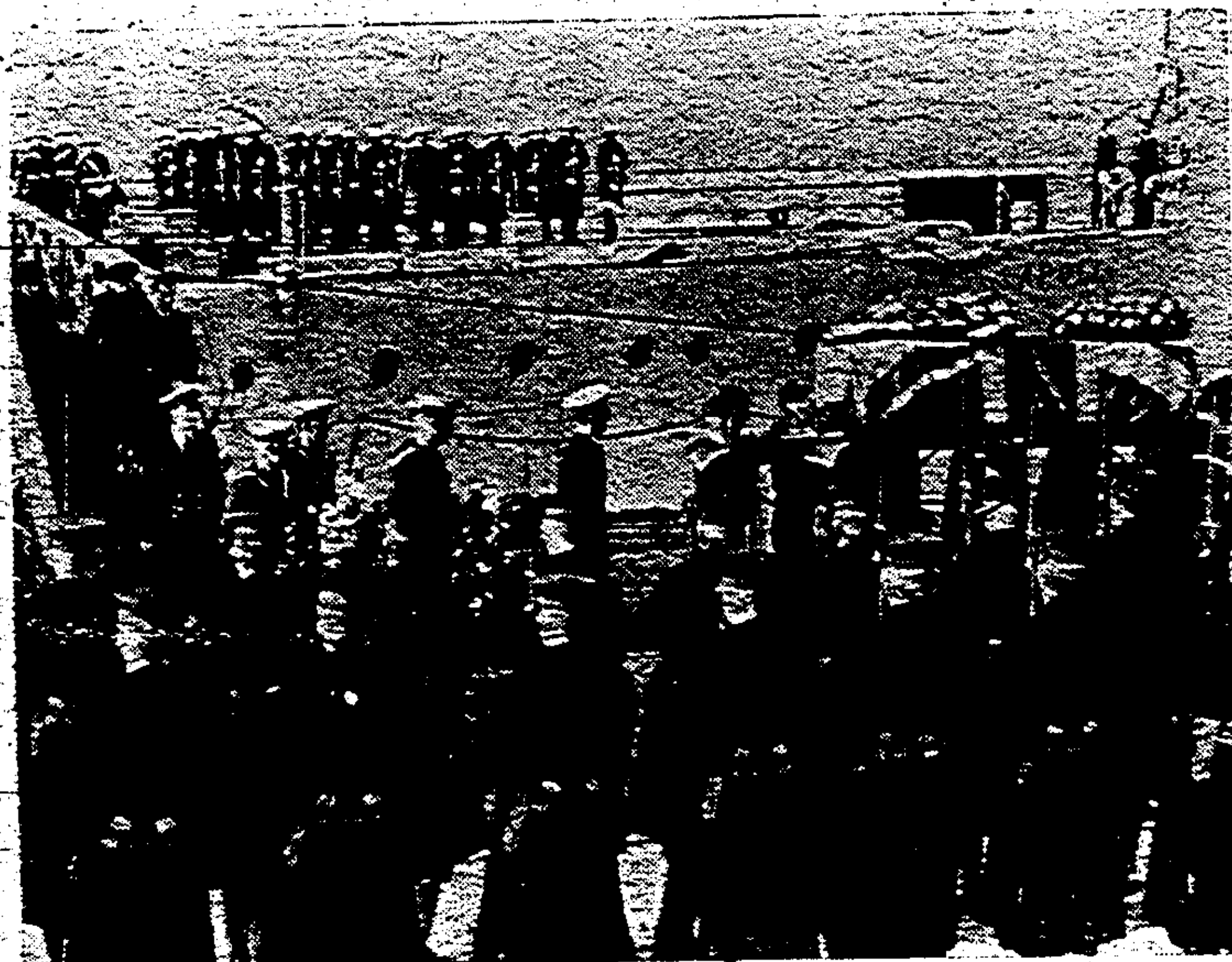
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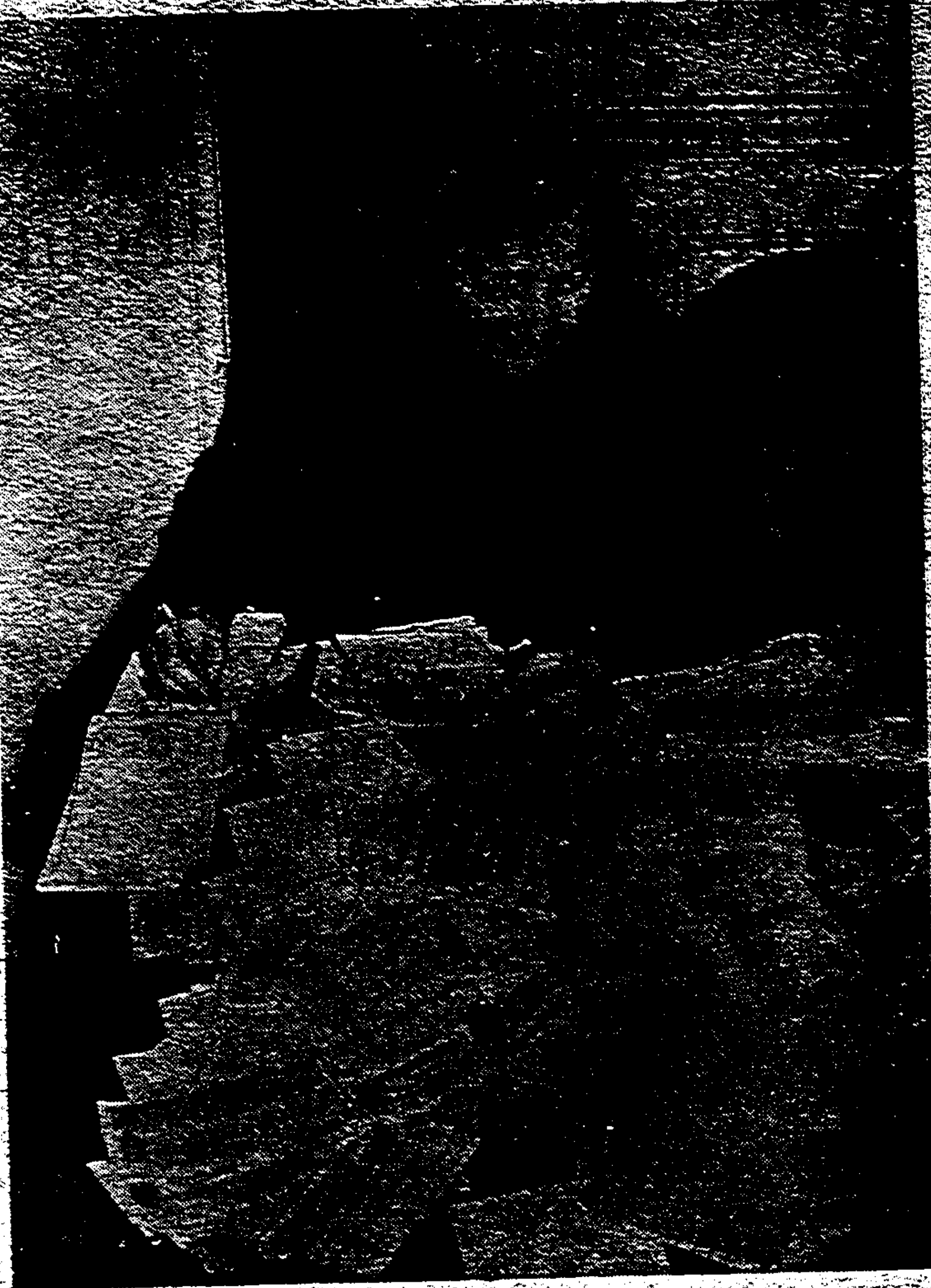
Ronald Colman and Madeleine Carroll in "The Prisoner of Zenda," coming to the King's Theatre to-day.



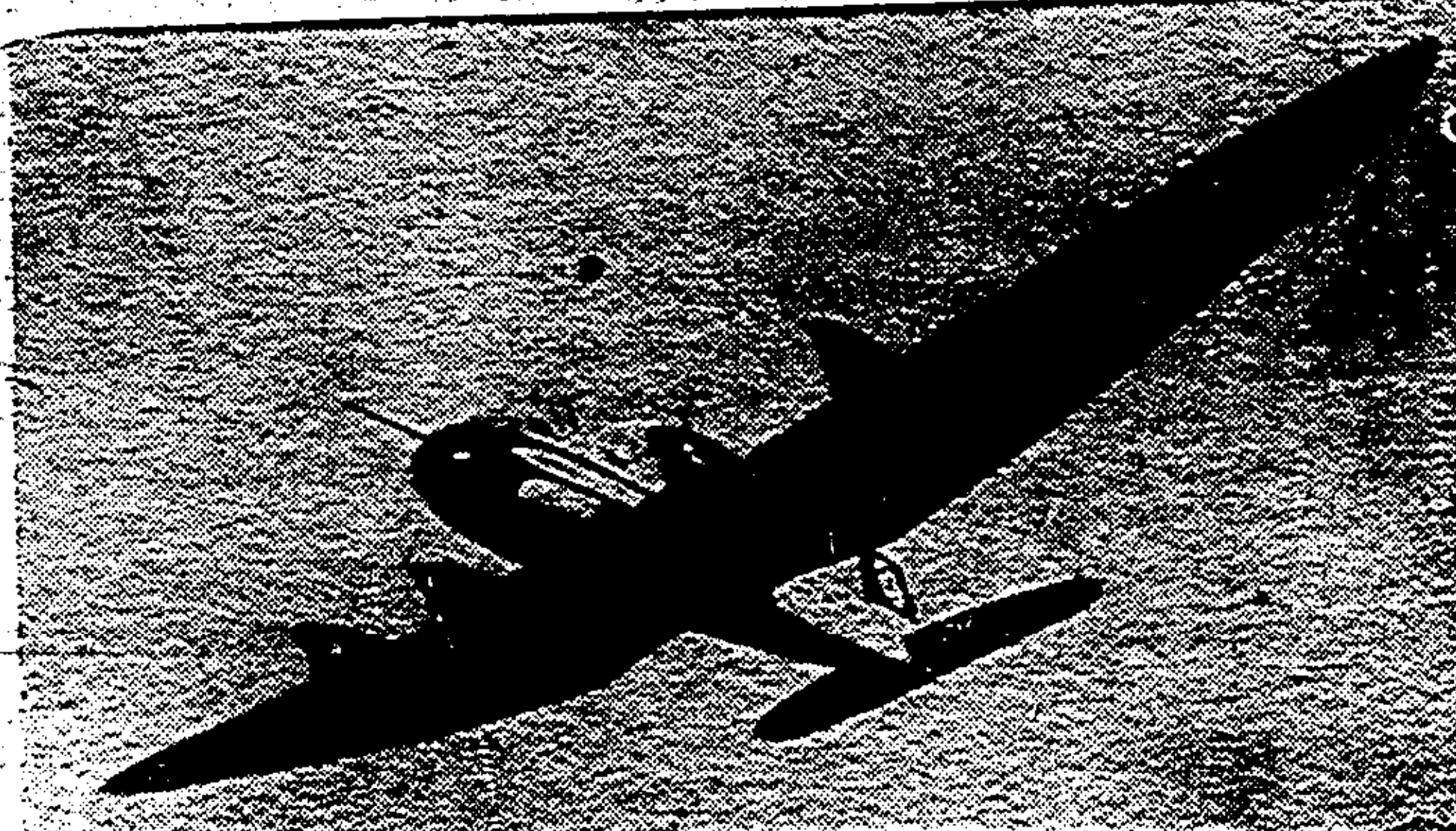
H.M.S. Apollo on Nov. 25 brought the remains of the late Rt. Hon. Ramsay MacDonald home to Devonport from Bermuda. Picture shows a general view of the scene as the coffin was brought ashore. (Fox Copyright: By Air Mail).

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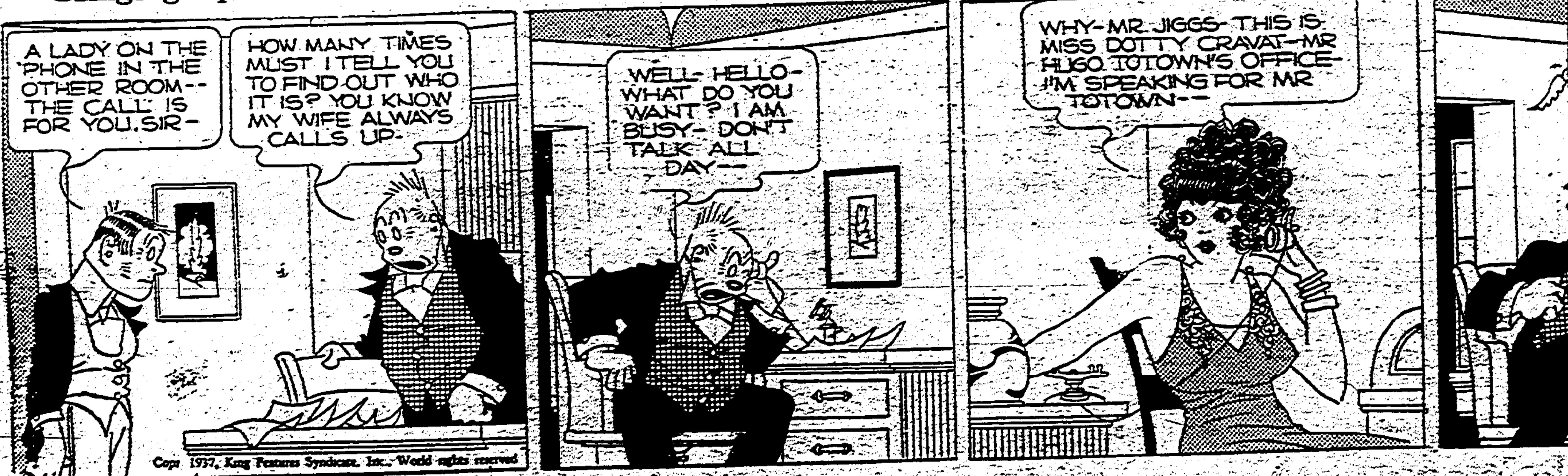
The German long-distance plane HE116, used on the South American route.



The Lord Mayor of London's relief fund for the relief of the distressed in China, is meeting with considerable success. Disease, destitution and famine are levying a terrible toll in Shanghai and North China and there are many British among the victims. Photo shows sorting over money orders and cheques received for the Lord Mayor's relief fund in a Gresham Street office. (Fox Copyright).

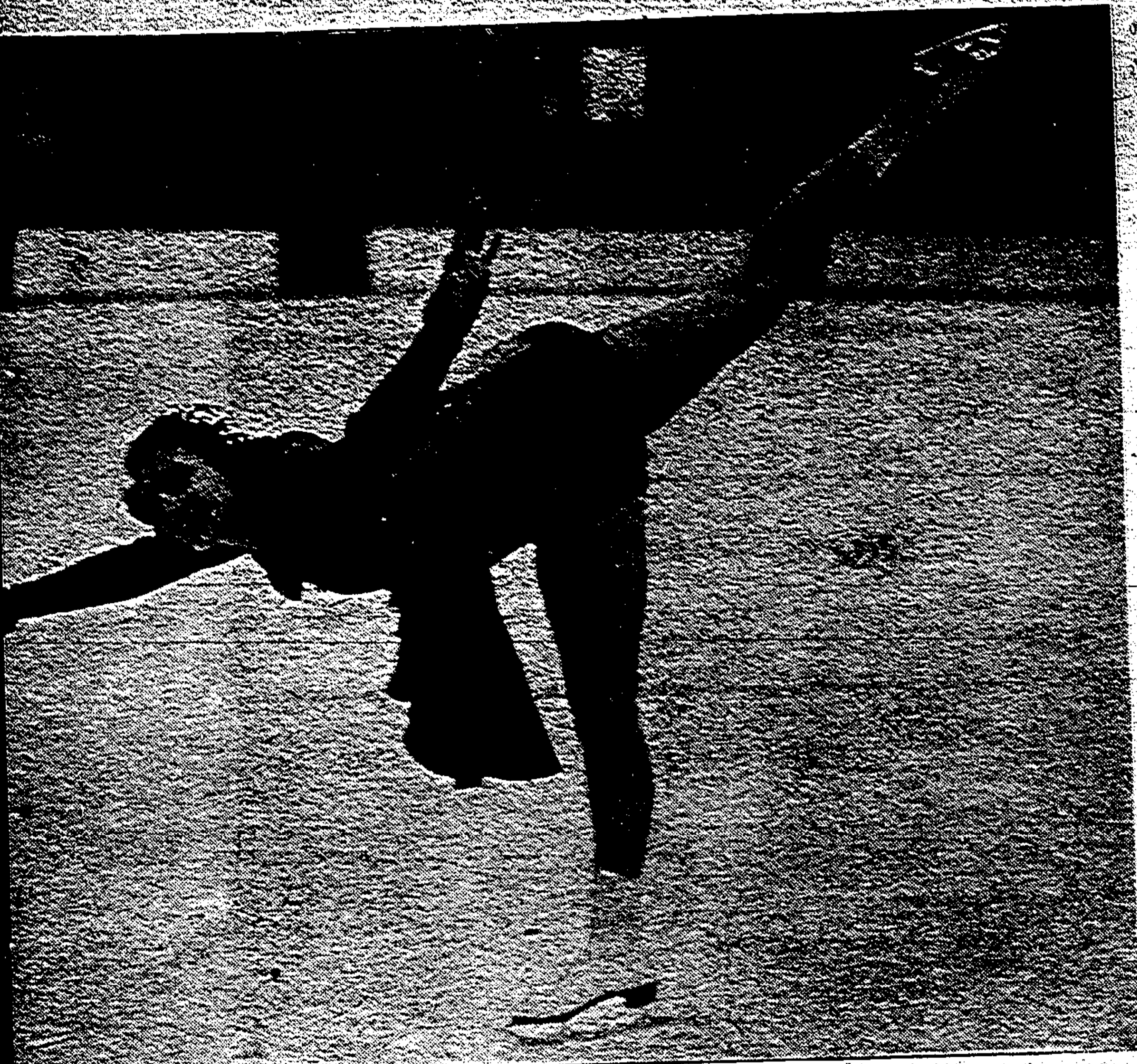


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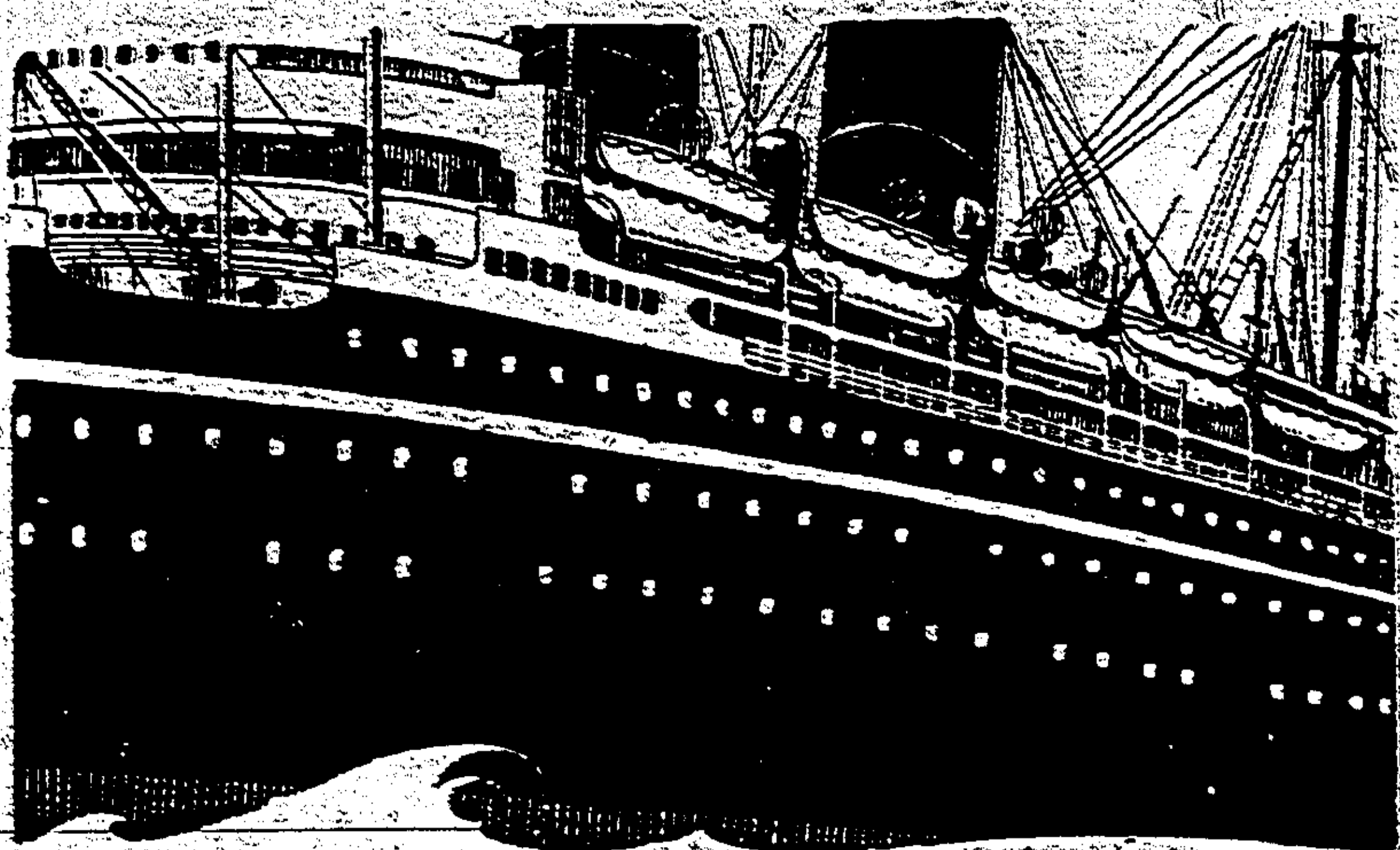
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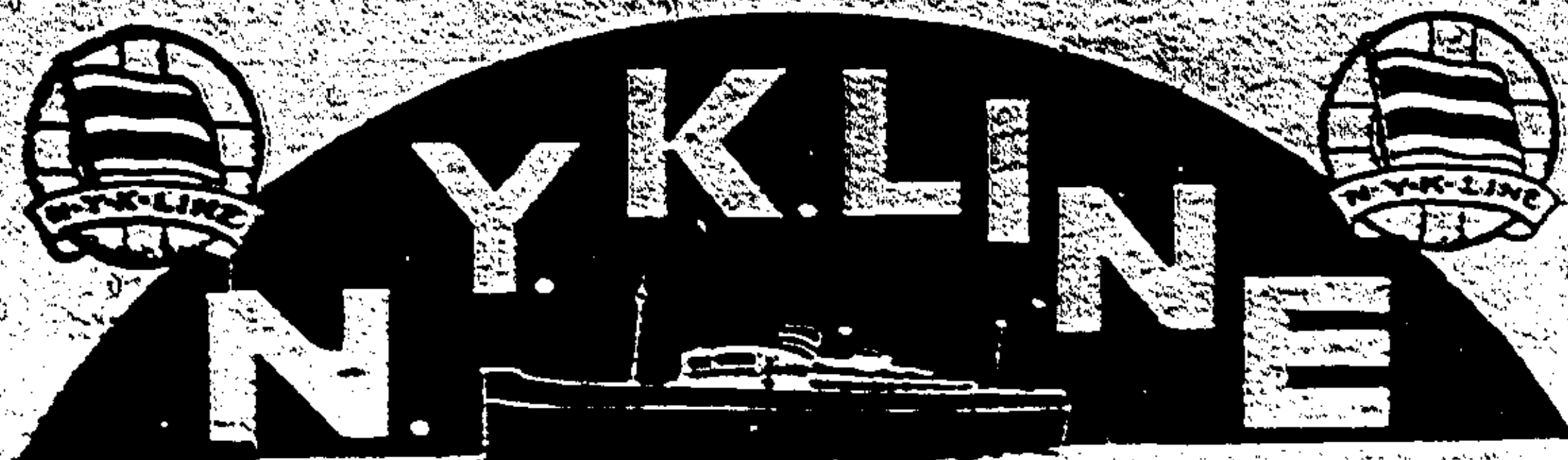
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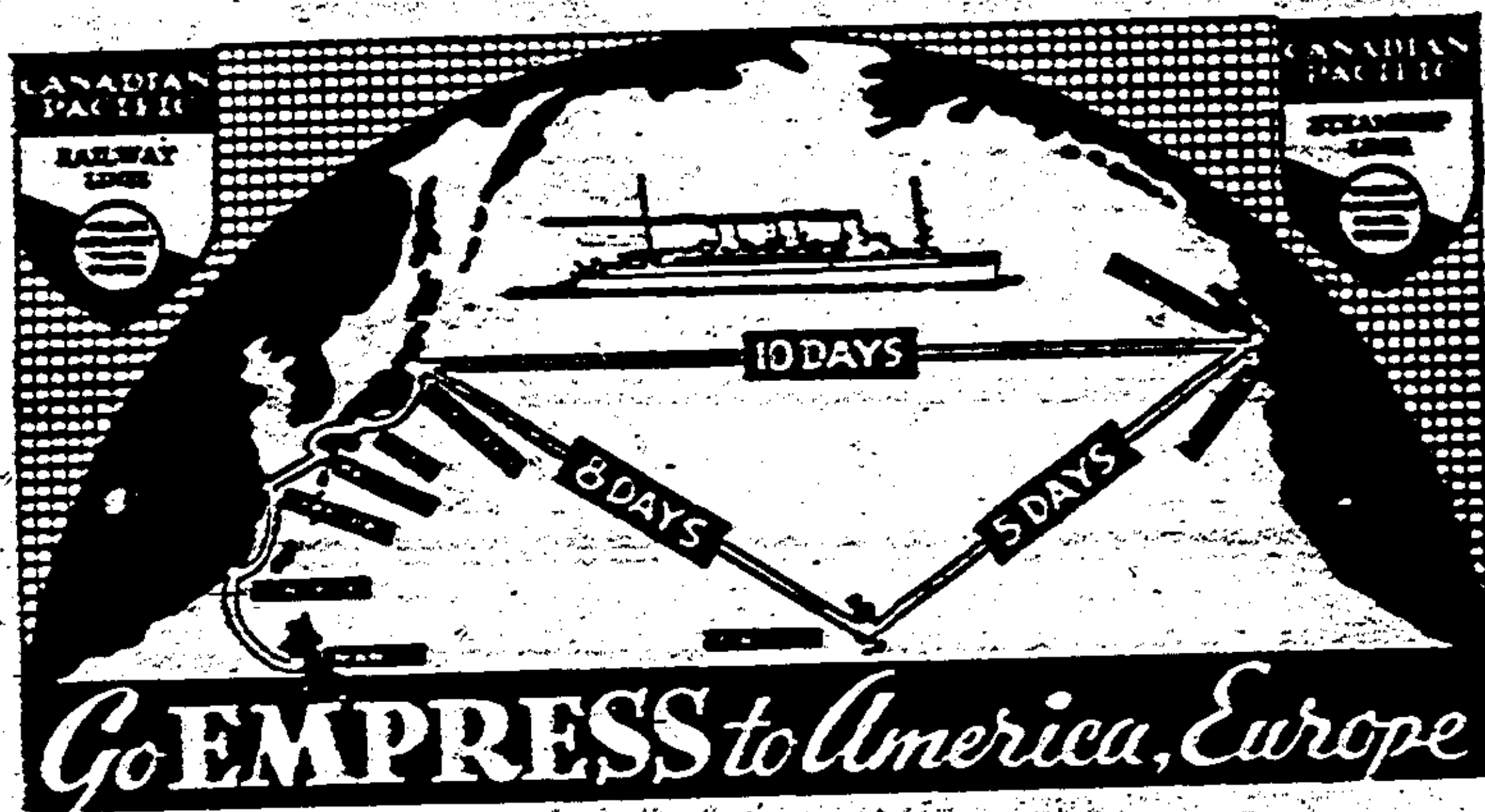
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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE **SERMON**

Subject: God The Preserver of Man

The subject of the lesson sermon in all churches of Christ, Scientist to-morrow, December 12th, will be—

GOD THE PRESERVER OF MAN.

The Golden Text will be "The Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever." (II Timothy 4:18).

Among others the following citations will be read from the Bible:—"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Ps. 32, 91, 121. Rom. 8, 39).

The lesson sermon will also include the following passages from the Christian Science Textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "The divine Mind that made man maintains His own image and likeness. God, without the image and likeness of Himself, would be a non-entity, or Mind unexpressed. He would be without a witness or proof of His own nature. Spiritual man is the image or idea of God, an idea which cannot be lost nor separated from its divine Principle. When the evidence before the material senses yielded to spiritual sense, the apostle declared that nothing could alienate him from God, from the sweet sense and presence of Life and Truth. This is the doctrine of Christian Science: that divine Love cannot be deprived of its manifestation; or object: that joy cannot be turned into sorrow for sorrow is not the master of joy; that good can never produce evil; that matter can never produce mind nor life result in death. The relations of God and man, divine Principle and idea, are indestructible in Science; and Science knows no lapse from nor return to harmony, but holds the divine order or spiritual law, in which God and all that He creates are perfect and eternal to have remained unchanged in its eternal history. Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house (the consciousness) or (Love) for ever. (pages 151, 303, 304, 470, 572).

A crazy revue, "Hullo Hong Kong," is to be staged at the China Fleet Club at 9.15 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 22, and Thursday, Dec. 23. Tickets, at \$3, \$2, \$1 and 50 cents, can be obtained from Messrs. Mountrie or Ship's Office, H. M. S. Westcott.

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NOTICE

Owing to Miss Violet Capell being in hospital there will be no Dancing classes until further notice.

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Notice to Members

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NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that Constantine Alexander Kriloff of 304, Nathan Road, 1st Floor, Kowloon is applying to the Governor for naturalisation, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary.

NOTICE.

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KOWLOON-SEAFORTHS SOCCER DUEL

CIVILIAN TEAM MUST AVERT A SECOND DEFEAT

EASTERN ENTERTAIN SOUTH CHINA "A" TO-MORROW

(By "OUTSIDE LEFT")

AFTER a week's interval from First Division League Football, this week-end's programme should provide followers of the sport with several interesting games, outstanding among which are to-day's return clash between Kowloon and the Seaforths, and to-morrow's clash between Eastern and South China "A."

Kowloon playing at home this afternoon should provide the Seaforths with a formidable task of trying to repeat their earlier success when they won the first encounter at Sookumpoo by two clear goals. Since the fate of that match, however, Kowloon have improved beyond recognition and it will come as a very big surprise if they fail to secure both points.



"Spotty" Pereira, above, will be seen for Club de Recreio in the regulation Softball exhibition match against the Canadian Chinese to-morrow morning at King's Park.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE PROGRAMME

KOWLOON'S TASK AGAINST THE KWONG WAH

STRENGTHENED BY VALE

(By "UBIQUE")

The outstanding game in to-day's Second Division League soccer programme will be that between the Kowloon Football Club and the Kwong Wah, on the former's ground, as the other games should result in easy wins for the home teams.

Kwong Wah, who have shown a big improvement in the past month, are still in the running for the Championship and have been strengthened by the inclusion of several new players. Rocha, their inside-left, is playing at his best now and his understanding with Wong King-cheung, former South China junior star is good. These two have greatly strengthened the attack.

In the defence Yeung Tse-tsoon, will occupy the pivotal position with Cheung Wing and Henry Young, former South "B" right half, as his wing-halves.

KOWLOON STRONGER

Kowloon, who started the season in great style, but fell off later, have struck their best form and are fielding a strong side to-day. Vale, of the Fusiliers, who had a trial for the Army side recently, will be seen at centre-half, while Ablong, who has been transferred from the Portuguese Sporting Association, will be on his left.

The forward line will be led by Betts, while W. Knox who has been re-instated in the junior team, will be on the right-wing with Urien occupying the other wing. Huns, who was formerly seen in the defence, will be at inside left. These changes have strengthened the attack considerably and they should do well.

MIDDLESEX FAVOURED

The Middlesex should win comfortably against Eastern, who have done nothing in the League so far and have only a Shield victory over

NEXT WEEK'S FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

Senior Shield (First Round)

St. Joseph's v Kowloon
(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Sidebottom.
Linesmen:—Farr and Morecroft.
Club v Eastern
(Club, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—MacCormac.
Linesmen:—Purnell and Sharpe.

First Division
Kowloon Chinese v Middlesex
(Kowloon, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Finch.
Linesmen:—Dove and Phillips.
Junior Shield (Second Round)
Seaforths v Club
(Club, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Havelaar.
Engineers (E.) v Navy
(Sookumpoo, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Youngs.

Kowloon v Ordnance
(Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Clarke.

South China v Eastern
(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—French.
Kwong Wah v Engineers (C.)
(Chatham Road, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Rees.
R.C. of Signals v Middlesex
(Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—J. Silva.
Portuguese S.A. v Air Force
(King's Park, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Edwards.

SUNDAY

Senior Shield (First Round)
Police v South China "A"
(Club, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Omar.

Linesmen:—Farr and Barretto.
Third Division (Hong Kong)
Police v Engineers
(Club, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Baker.

The Junior shield game between the University and the Police has been postponed owing to the University vacation.

the 5th A.A. Bde. R. A.

The Police, who are now second in the Third Division Hong Kong Section, will go all out to reverse the defeat they received from Stanley a few weeks ago, but in view of the fact that the latter have been strengthened by new arrivals they have a hard task before them. Willerton, will lead the attack and with Cheung Kam and Fung She, as his inside men, should do well.

To-morrow the Medicals should consolidate their position at the head of the table with an easy win over Powhattan, who have greatly improved and who should soon register their first win.

In the other First Division clashes this afternoon the Middlesex Regiment should have no difficulty in taking both points from the Club, while South China "B" and the Police should be featured in a close struggle in which the former are expected to win, although they were featured in goalless in their first clash.

EASTERN'S CHALLENGE

Eastern, who have come to the fore among Chinese teams because of their thrust and bustling tactics, should find South China "A" more than a handful and a thrilling and fast game is anticipated here. South China "A" are fielding a very strong attack including Tso Kwai-shing, on the right-wing, while Lee Kwok-wai makes his return to their left-half berth, these changes considerably strengthening their chances.

In the remaining game to-morrow, St. Joseph's are expected to easily overcome Kowloon Chinese.

SPORTS SHORTS FROM HERE AND THERE

(By "REFEREE")

"Red" Laidlow, of the Dollar Line, is turning out for softball and is a good outfielder in the ranks of the B.K. Baseball Club.

Hockey circles will be interested to hear that Miss Frances Tamara Bomko, member of the Shanghai Inter-port ladies' hockey team, was married recently to Mr. Thomas Harold Wood, the ceremony being conducted at the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Shanghai.

Narain Singh, who won the Aggregate Cup at the Athletic Sports of the Hong Kong Police, is also a good long distance swimmer.

A cricket match has been arranged between a Press eleven and the Middlesex Regiment on Sunday, December 19. The Press have played two matches against Naval elevens so far, drawing one and losing one.

B. Gosano, who is at present in Swatow, will be spending his Christmas holidays in the Colony and will be seen in action for Portugal in the "Sunday Herald" Charity Cup competition during Christmas week.

W. Pryde, son of Walter Pryde, Chairman of the Hong Kong Football Association, met with a nasty accident when he broke his leg while playing against La Salle College in the Boys' Football League recently. This is particularly distressing in view of the fact that the Scouts' com-

FOOTBALL FORECAST FOR TO-DAY

The following are the Hong Kong Football Association Football fixtures for the week-end.

TO-DAY

1st Division

Middlesex v Club
(Sookumpoo, at 4.00 p.m.)
Referee:—Stedman.
Linesmen:—Whittle and Somerville.
Kowloon v Seaforths
(Kowloon, at 4.00 p.m.)
Referee:—Isley.
Linesmen:—Demeo and Silva.
South China "B" v Police
(Caroline Hill, at 4.00 p.m.)
Referee:—Richard.
Linesmen:—Sutterly and Marriott.

2nd Division

Seaforths v Club
(Sookumpoo, at 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Gomes.
K.F.C. v Kwong Wah
(Kowloon at 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Jones.
South China v Police
(Caroline Hill, at 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Youngs.

Middlesex v Eastern
(King's Park, at 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Farr.

3rd Division (Hong Kong)

R.A.S.C. v R.E.
(Military H. V., at 4.00 p.m.)
Referee:—Morecroft.
R.A. Stanley v Police
(Military H. V., at 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Hudson.

3rd Division (Kowloon)

Kumaon Rifles v 24th Bty. R.A.
(Chatham Road, at 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Alywin.
P.S.A. v 20th Bty. R.A.
(King's Park, at 4.00 p.m.)
Referee:—Dove.
Seaforths v R.A.F.
(Prince Edward Road, at 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Stone.

TO-MORROW

1st Division

Eastern v South China "A"
(Causeway Bay, at 4.00 p.m.)
Referee:—Reynolds.
Linesmen:—Brothwell and Edwards.
St. Joseph's v Kowloon Chinese
(Caroline Hill, at 4.00 p.m.)
Referee:—Sidebottom.
Linesmen:—J. Silva and Driscoll.

2nd Division

5th A.A. Bde. R.A. v R.E. Chinese
(Sookumpoo, at 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Baker.
3rd Division (Hong Kong)
R.A.O.C. v 5th A.A. Bde. R.A.
(Sookumpoo, at 4.00 p.m.)
Referee:—Baker.

Powhattan v R.A.M.C.
(Caroline Hill, at 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Burgess.

petition was held last week and he was expected to play a big part for his troop in this competition.

Yuen Shue, the Eastern forward, who has played several games in the First Division this season, will now be playing in the junior team and will probably be seen in the Eastern Junior Shield side next week.

CLUB-NAVY RUGBY CLASSIC TO-DAY

2ND GAME IN TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT

ELLIOT ILL AND COTMAN NOT AVAILABLE

BUT SENIOR SERVICE HAVE POWERFUL FIFTEEN

The second encounter in the First Round of the Triangular Rugby Tournament will be held this afternoon on the Club ground commencing at 4 p.m., when the Royal Navy, who inflicted a crushing defeat on the Army last week by 41 points to 3, will meet the Club, who are fielding their best available team. James Whitham has retired from the game, and the Club full-back position will again be filled by MacGrath, who looks like being retained there permanently, otherwise the back division is unchanged. The reuniting of Butcher and Bonmar, at the base of the Club pack, will considerably strengthen their chances, while Holden returns to their pack.

The Navy have also been forced to make one or two changes and will not be at full strength, although fielding a very powerful team. Surg. Lt. Ellis makes his debut, in the full-back position, in place of Lt. Cotman, who is on the injured list, while A. B. Northcott will be seen in the right-centre threequarter position, filled last week by Lt. Walters.

ELLIOT IN HOSPITAL

Elliot, the England and Navy stand-off-half is an inmate at the Royal Naval Hospital as the result of tonsillitis and will be out of the game for at least a fortnight, possibly three weeks.

Walsham and Talbot, in the stand-off-half and scrum-half positions, respectively, have already worked up a fine understanding and are big factors in the Navy's bid for victory, while the pack is as strong as ever.

FRIENDLY SUCCESSES

This season, the Navy have been successful in friendly matches, winning all three with scores of 18-14, 13-10, and 13-6.

In their first Triangular Tournament match, the Club hope to reverse previous decisions, but to do so they will have to go all out.

The two packs are fairly evenly matched, with the Navy possibly a little livelier in the loose, where they have shown great skill in getting the ball back to their threes immediately their rushes are stopped.

ADEQUATE SHOVE

There should be nothing in the line-outs, but in the set scrums, the Club will possibly hold a slight advantage, as they have a hooker who can be relied upon to do his job, provided that he has an adequate "shove" behind him. There is not much between the back divisions, though the Navy are possibly a little stronger. All the Navy men, however, run hard and straight, and Harvey is always dangerous in possession when 10 to 15 yards from the line.

If the Club are to prevent a Navy score, all movements must be nipped



Club de Recreio cricket eleven, above, was seen in action recently against the Kowloon Cricket Club. Seen above from left to right are: E. M. L. Soares, J. E. Noronha, W. A. Reed, Dr. E. L. Gosano (Captain), Dr. A. M. Rodrigues, P. M. N. da Silva, A. M. Prata and N. Beltrao. (Sitting): Z. Gosano, A. V. Gosano, A. P. "Spotty" Pereira and R. A. Campos. ("Mail" photo).

RUGBY FIFTEENS FOR TO-DAY'S BIG MATCH

The following are to-day's Rugby teams—

Club 1st XV:—W. M. MacGrath; D. H. Stewart; H. D. Bidwell; W. E. Grieve and H. Van Leeuwen; A. H. R. Butcher and J. L. Bonmar; K. A. Watson, K. W. Salter, A. W. Holden; W. E. Peers, C. F. Needham; J. C. Milbar (Captain), A. J. G. Taylor and F. A. Redman.

Navy 1st XV:—Surg. Lt. Ellis (Medway); A. B. Northcott (Adventure); Lt. Harvey (Odin) (Captain), A. B. Marsh (Decoy) and Sub. Lt. Kyrke (Regent); Lt. Walsham (Adventure) and Lt. Talbot (Otus); A. B. Thatcher (Eagle), S. B. A. Jones (Adventure), A. B. Romans (Eagle); Sergt. Burston (Adventure), Lt. Maydon (Orpheus); Lt. Woods (Grampus), Sub. Lt. Anderson (Olympus) and Sub. Lt. Ogle (Phoenix).

Club "A" XV:—J. R. Henderson; H. F. Hopkins, M. G. Carruthers, E. M. Watts and L. E. Lammert; C. W. Lyle and R. Rutherford; R. G. L. Olohan, J. S. Dunnett, T. H. Pratt; B. Hynes, A. S. Olsen and A. G. Dalziel; K. H. G. White and H. W. E. Heath.



at the out-set, by hard and immediate tackling.

CLUB'S WEAKNESS

It is in his department that the Club are likely to fail, as some of their backs have a deplorable tendency to run beside the man with the ball, in the hope that he will pass, rather than bring him down immediately and prevent a pass. The Club backing up could also show some improvement.

Whatever the result, it will be a good game and worth watching.

Before the Triangular Tournament game, there will be an "A" fifteen fixture, when the Club will play the Seaforths, commencing at 2.45 p.m.

Lt. J. A. M. Rice-Evans will referee the Triangular Tournament game and Mr. D. W. MacEwen the "A" fixture.

ONE CAER CLARK GAME FOR TO-DAY

SAINTS FAVOURED TO SECURE POINTS

ST. ANDREW'S SHOULD REGISTER THEIR FIRST POINTS IN THE CAER CLARK CUP COMPETITION THIS AFTERNOON AT THE EXPENSE OF C.B.A. IN THE ONLY SENIOR LADIES' HOCKEY GAME ON THE PROGRAMME.

They have been severely trounced by both the "Y" Ladies and the Hong Kong Ladies in the two matches they have so far played but in view of the fact that the opposition to-day, will be a good deal inferior to that which they have hitherto encountered, they should win.

TO-DAY'S KEEN BRAUN CUP FIXTURE

St. Andrew's v Recreio

(By "ADREM")

The big match on this afternoon's Braun Cup programme will be played on the C. B. A. ground between St. Andrew's and Recreio Ladies.

The former team have lost once to C. B. S. "A" the current champions but Recreio have yet to drop a point in three matches, although it must be admitted that they have not yet met any of the stronger teams in the Competition.

Recreio have a stolid rather than a brilliant defence and they are more likely to succeed in attack as the result of individual methods than combined movements. On paper, the St. Andrew's team appears more balanced and with their superior speed, should just about win.

The two C. B. S. teams should have little difficulty in securing full points this afternoon at the expense of "Y" Ladies and C. B. A. Ladies.

The following is the programme and some of the teams:—

CAER CLARK CUP

St. Andrew's v C.B.A. (C.B.A. ground, 4.00 p.m.)

BRAUN CUP

St. Andrew's v Recreio (C.B.A. ground, 2.45 p.m.)

"Y" Ladies v C.B.S. "A" (C.B.S. ground, 2.30 p.m.)

C.B.A.'s one chance of winning rests in the ability of their defence to hold Miss Gittins and Miss Churn, the Saints' most dangerous forwards. If they can do this successfully, there is no reason why Mrs. G. A. White and her very useful colleagues in the attack should not find the net on at least one occasion.

The game is scheduled to commence at 3.30 p.m. on the C.B.A. Ground at King's Park.

The following are the teams:—

St. Andrew's:—Mrs. R. Rose; Miss G. White and Mrs. L. Cross; Miss J. Humphrey, Miss J. Wong and Miss H. Read; Miss F. Wong; Miss E. Churn, Miss P. Gittins, Miss I. Gittins and Miss D. Drew.

C.B.A. Ladies:—Miss F. Best; Mrs. Parsons and Miss I. Clewer; Miss Moss, Miss I. Woolley and Mrs. Daniels; Mrs. Forster, Mrs. Stoker, Mrs. White, Miss P. Whitley and Miss D. Hunt.

C.B.A. v C.B.S. "B"

(C.B.S. ground, 3.30 p.m.)

St. Andrew's Ladies:—Miss June Hall; Miss J. Broadbridge and Miss E. Chang; Miss M. Lawson, Miss M. da Rosa and Miss B. Greaves; Miss V. Churn, Miss Y. Ho, Miss M. Churn, Miss S. Roberts and Miss C. Kotewall.

Recreio Ladies:—Miss Z. Barroo; Miss M. Ribeiro and Miss O. Botelho; Miss E. Silva, Miss M. Goncalves and Miss M. Silva; Miss Mercedes da Rosa, Miss B. Remedios, Miss I. Botelho, Miss A. Alves and Miss Marie da Rosa.

"Y" Ladies:—Mrs. Barnes; Mrs. Slater and Miss Ambrose; Mrs. MacLean, Miss F. Fowler and Miss S. Bruce; Mrs. Blumenthal, Miss L. Murray, Miss V. Bradbury, Miss I. Buchanan and Mrs. George.

C.B.A. Ladies:—Miss G. Ginnitt; Miss L. Dunn and Mrs. G. E. Clarke; Miss N. Bell; Mrs. Daniel and Miss J. White; Miss M. McAlpine, Miss K. Luckin, Miss E. Woolley, Miss P. Eccleshaw and Miss K. Winch.

WARD AND GRIMMETT SKITTLE OUT NEW ZEALAND

Season Opens In Australia

Adelaide, November 6.

Ward and Grimmett, the Australian slow spin bowlers, tied the New Zealand batsmen—home-ward bound from their England tour—in knots in the match against South Australia here to-day, when the first-class cricket season in Australia opened.

On a fast batsman's wicket,



the New Zealanders were dismissed or 151, Ward taking four for 59 and Grimmett three for 21. South Australia had lost two wickets for 64 at the close.

The rivalry between Ward and Grimmett is interesting. Although a veteran, Grimmett is a candidate for the team to tour England where he always bowls better than in this country. He took his wickets for only 2 runs in his first four overs, and his victims included J. L. Kerr and M. Wallace.

JOHN BROMWICH IN TWO BIG SENSATIONAL TENNIS VICTORIES

DEFEATS QUIST AND THEN MCGRATH FOR TITLE

SYDNEY, NOVEMBER 4.

JOHN BROMWICH ACHIEVED AN OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN WINNING THE QUEENSLAND SINGLES TITLE ON MONDAY LAST AT THE MILTON COURTS, BEATING MCGRATH 6-2, 6-2, 6-2, THUS ENDING A SEQUENCE OF IMPORTANT DEFEATS BY MCGRATH.

The manner in which he swept aside Adrian Quist in a semi-final with the loss of only three games, and Viv McGrath in the final with the loss of six games—makes Bromwich's achievement astounding. The youthful ambidextrous champion has now defeated Von Cramm, Quist, and McGrath within the short period of approximately six months.

These performances indicate his great improvement after his first Davis Cup trip abroad, as his vanquished opponents occupy prominent positions in the world's first ten rankings. So it augurs well for Bromwich in the forthcoming important matches here in Australia.

However, if he concentrates on improving his weak service, he will prove even more difficult to defeat in future.

The Queensland final was played on wet courts, and there is not the slightest doubt that this militated against McGrath, because his ground strokes are made with a short, quick backswing, and he plays "the rising ball" tactics.

NO EFFECT

Consequently the slower and irregular bound—as the courts became cut up—would not allow him to effect the same speedy returns.

The fact that McGrath was without "spike" shoes—so essential for wet court play—is a lamentable oversight for a player of his experience, and, no doubt seriously handicapped his mobility, as "rubber-soled" shoes afford a poor foothold on wet courts.

These factors no doubt contributed largely to his decisive defeat by his youthful Cup team-mate.

VERSATILE PLAYER

Bromwich, on the other hand, is a most versatile type of player—his excellent timing and long backswing for ground strokes, and excellent control of length and speed makes him at home on almost any type of court, and the fact—despite his short experience—that he had "spike" shoes, would greatly assist him in his win over McGrath.

Bromwich was credited with a number of "aces" during the short match—this suggests an improved service—but there is not the slightest doubt that the impaired mobility of McGrath was mainly responsible for Bromwich's many service aces.

Bromwich completed his second successive "Dual Title" win—he won the double at Strathfield recently—when he and Adrian Quist accounted for McGrath and Thompson comfortably in straight sets, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4.

BROMWICH BEATS QUIST

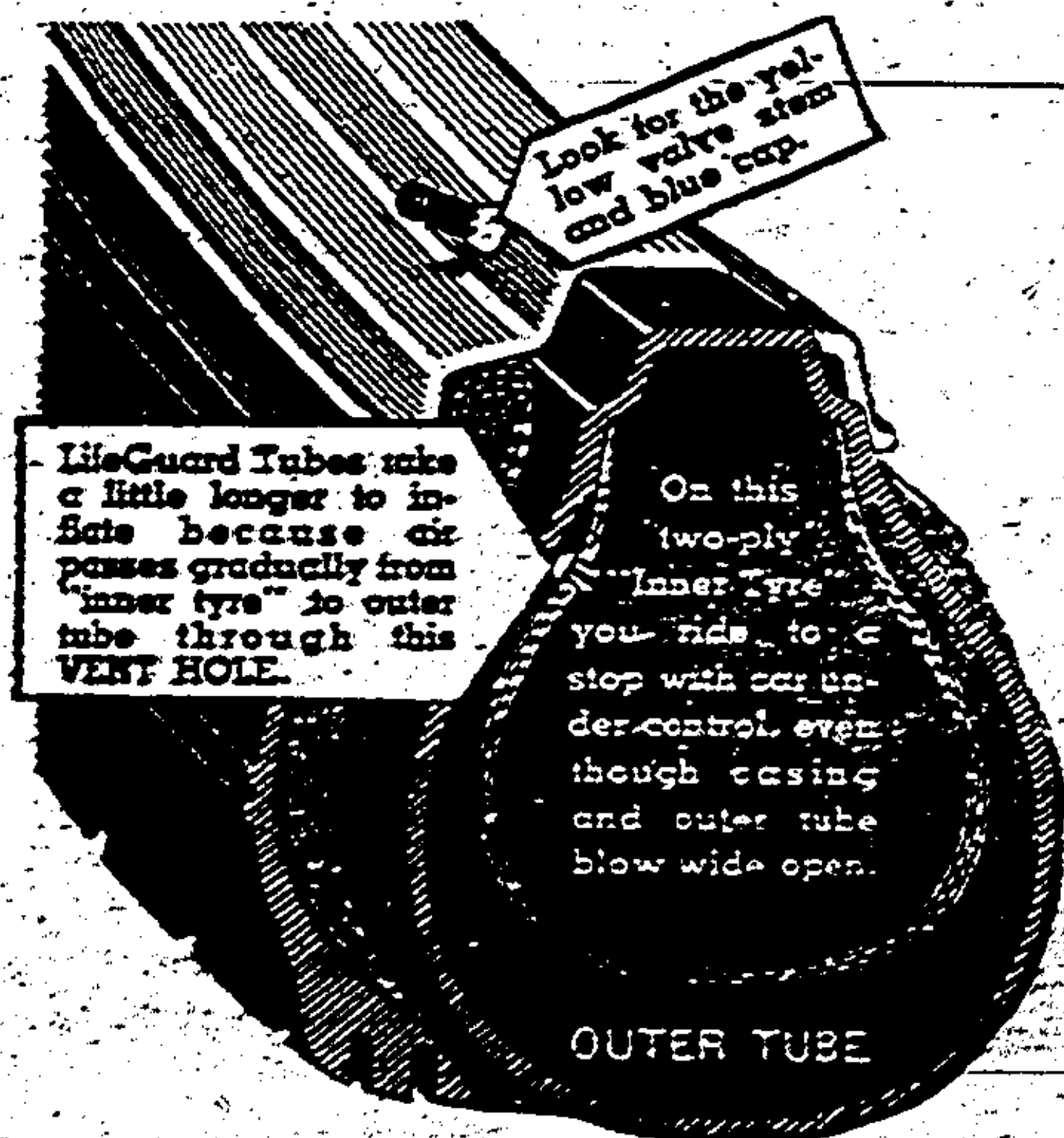
The semi-finals of the championship saw J. Bromwich defeat A. Quist, 6-0, 6-0, 6-3, while Viv McGrath defeated E. F. Moon, 8-6, 7-9, 6-1, 8-6.

Bromwich's win over his Davis Cup team mate was sensational, as he annexed thirteen games in a row, and actually only lost two more games before he concluded the match in straight sets.

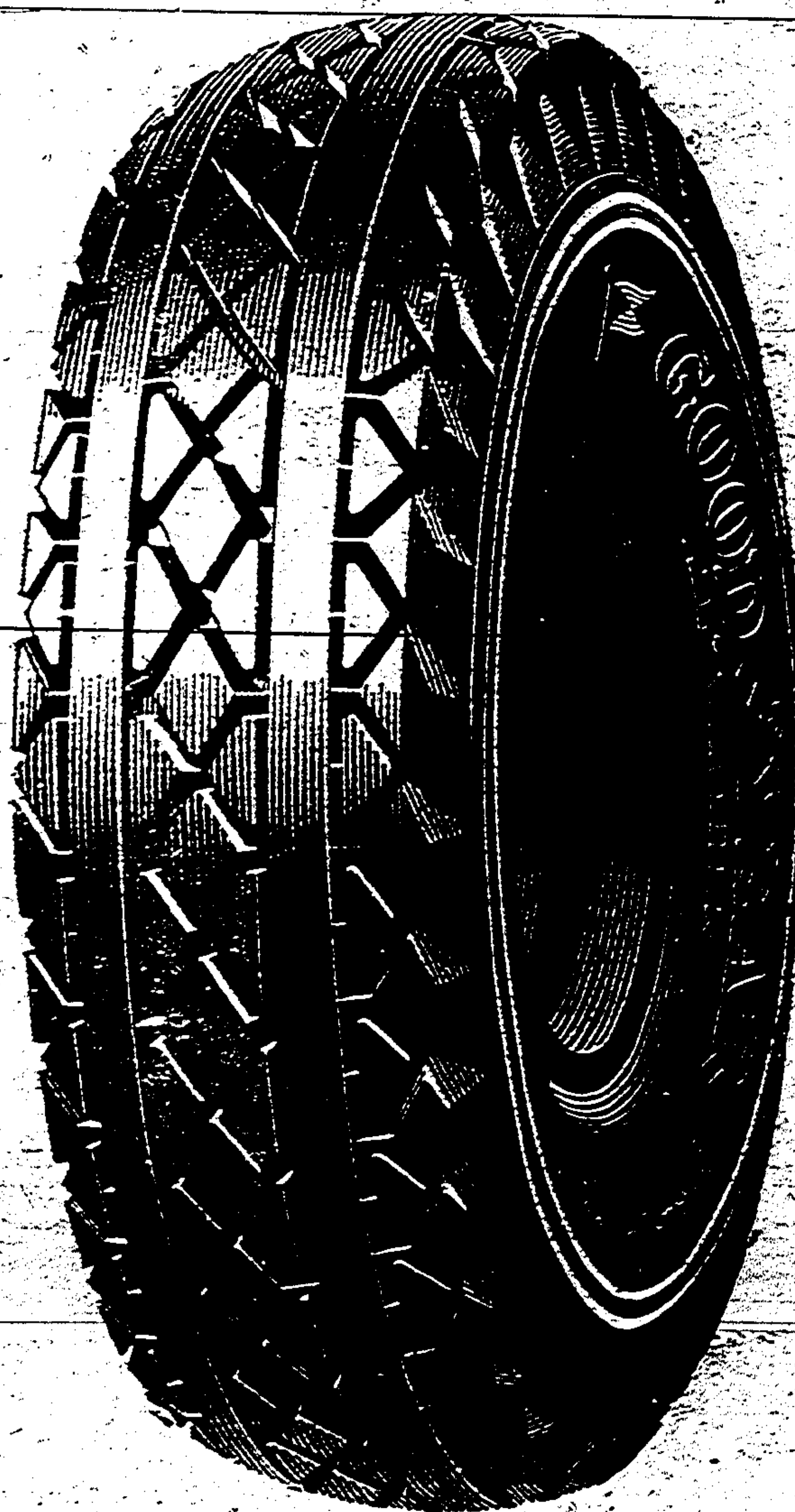
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FOUR SOFTBALL LEAGUE GAMES?

LADIES DOUBLES TENNIS FINAL TO-DAY

KEEN GAME
EXPECTED

MRS. CHIU AND MISS PERRY FOR TITLE

(By "ADREM")

This afternoon at the United Services Recreation Club, Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu and Miss Rose Perry will oppose Mrs. A. Oliver and Mrs. S. Mills in the final of the Colony Ladies' Doubles Championship.

The latter pair make their first appearance in the final stages of a Colony tennis tournament and their display against two players, acknowledged to head the ranks of Hong Kong's lady players, will be watched with great interest.

I saw them in action last Saturday against Mrs. Shirley and Mrs. Stokes and was greatly impressed with their consistency off the ground. Both ladies are capable of maintaining a driving rally for a great length of time, while Mrs. Oliver also possesses a heavily-sliced forehand drive which is an extremely potent weapon of attack.

FORECOURT WEAKNESS

From what I gathered last week, however, their forecourt stroke equipment is limited and this is what I feel will let them down. Mrs. Chiu and Miss Perry—the former in particular—are most adept at the net and like nothing better than to force any issue from that position. Add to this their wide range of strokes and I am afraid, the net result will be too much for their opponents.

Nevertheless a keen game should eventuate and it is to be hoped that more spectators are attracted than has been the case in recent Ladies' Colony games.

LAST NIGHT'S MIXED DOUBLES BADMINTON

Recreio "A" beat the University by 3 games to 3 in the mixed doubles of the Badminton League:

M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva (Recreio).

beat K. L. Yong and Miss D. N.

Lianw 21-14

beat P. K. Hui and Miss J. Choa 21-19

beat T. F. Yong and Miss J. 21-11

Anderson

J. J. Remedios and Miss G. Ribeiro

(Recreio "A").

beat Yong and Miss Lianw 21-9

lost to Hui and Miss Choa 10-12

beat Yong and Miss Anderson 21-7

L. A. Carvalho and Miss M. Ribeiro

(Recreio "A").

lost to Yong and Miss Lianw 10-21

lost to Hui and Miss Choa 7-21

beat Yong and Miss Anderson 21-10

NARROW WIN

St. Andrew's beat Free Lances by 5

games to 4:

F. A. Broadbridge and Mrs. F.

Stokes (St. Andrew's).

lost to J. L. Anderson and Miss

M. Griffiths 10-21

lost to A. L. Fisher and Mrs.

W. Clark 14-21

beat H. Harris and Miss P. Mc-

Caw 21-8

E. F. Fischer and Miss F. Wong (St.

Andrew's).

beat Anderson and Miss Grif-

fiths 22-20

beat Fisher and Mrs. Clark 21-11

beat Harris and Miss McCaw 21-8

H. Kew and Miss M. Churn (St. An-

draws).

lost to Anderson and Miss Grif-

Sport Is Becoming More And More Popular

GRANDSTAND NEXT SEASON?

(By "SHORTSTOP")

ALTHOUGH only three Softball League games are scheduled for to-morrow, there is a possibility that the Central British Association will play a double-header with the English Forum, beginning at 10 a.m., sharp on the former's ground, making four games in all for the week-end.

THE H. K. BASEBALL CLUB WILL CROSS BATS WITH THE VETS IN A RETURN MATCH AT 10 A.M. ON THE FILIPINO CLUB GROUND, AND THE MACHINE GUNNERS WILL TANGLE WITH THE FILIPINOS IN THE SECOND MATCH.

The increasing support that is given to Softball has been a real source of delight to the officers of the League, but at the beginning of the season prominence was given to what the Press dubbed "unfortunate incidents."

There "incidents" might well occur in any sport and the adverse publicity given to this infant in the sports realm of the Colony, caused some apprehension at the outset. One is reminded that in helping a child to walk one does not grab it violently by the scruff of the neck, but lead it gently by the hand. Elementary, my dear Watson!

HARDLY LIKELY

It is just as well that mistakes did occur at the beginning of the season, as the Softball League, the first one of its kind in Hong Kong, can now much easily cope with the different situations which might arise later.

There is, however, hardly any likelihood that there will be any repetitions of the unfortunate occurrences of the past. The infant has now learned to walk by itself!

In the close affiliation between Softball and Baseball, there is every possibility that the H. K. Baseball League will have a ground of its own next season, in which event Softball fans will have the opportunity of watching the games from a grandstand.

Officials of the Baseball League are negotiating for a ground at Kowloon, and the first of this enterprise will be a good piece of news to all fans.

TEN CIVILIANS LOSE TO REST IN HOCKEY PRACTICE GAME

Fielding a man short due to the non-appearance of Pyara Singh, their leader, the Civilian hockey team were beaten in a practice game by a goal to nil by a Rest team, on the Army ground King's Park, yesterday.

Owing to darkness, the game terminated 10 minutes after the interval.

Angelo, the rest centre-forward, was responsible for their goal, which was scored in the first half.

fiths 18-21
lost to Fisher and Mrs. Clark 9-21
beat Harris and Miss McCaw 21-14

FULL JUNIOR LEAGUE CRICKET PROGRAMME

C.C.C. To Meet Army 'A'
In "Needle" Match

(By "ADREM")

A full programme of Junior League cricket matches will be played this afternoon, no fewer than five matches being down for decision.

A very important tie, from Craigengower's point of view, will be their fixture with Army "A." Craigengower as the result of their fine showings this season against some of the most powerful teams in the League, have established themselves as strong challengers to the title. They have a fine batting side which will be thoroughly tested this afternoon against bowlers such as Pte. Hatfield, one of the finest bowlers in the Division.

Police and Recreio should have keen fights against H. K. C. C. and C. S. C. C., respectively, but Navy and K. C. C. should win fairly easily.

So far as I can ascertain, the only friendly will be played between the Club and the I. R. C. in the First Division.

PROGRAMME

(Junior League)
Army "A" v C.C.C.
Navy v Army "B"
K.C.C. v I.R.C.
P.R.C. v H.K.C.C.
C. de R. v C.S.C.C.

(Friendly)

I.R.C. v H.K.C.C.

Some of the teams—

H.K.C.C. 1st XI: A. W. Hayward

(Capt.), D. S. Blake, F. A. Dummett, J.

H. Fox, M. F. L. Haymes, L. D. Kilbee,

G. A. Smith, G. A. Stewart, F. H.

Stokes, M. R. Swain and J. R. Way.

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI: E. J. E. Mitchell

(Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, V. C. Bond,

G. E. R. Diwett, N. P. Fox, C. E. Gaha,

can. R. M. M. King, P. S. W. Paterson,

D. S. Robb, W. Wooding and E. R.

Davies.

K.C.C. 2nd XI: A. A. Dand (Capt.),

E. Baldwin, K. M. Baxter, F. A. Broad-

bridge, R. T. Broadbridge, S. A. Gray,

G. A. J. Hall, J. R. Luke, W. L. McKen-

zie, W. Madecay, C. B. K. Sargent,

1st XI: H. Overy.

PROGRAMME AND ENTRIES FOR KWANTI XMAS MEETING

The following is the programme, entries and handicaps for the Fanning Hunt and Race Club's Christmas Meeting, to be held at Kwanti, on Sunday, December 19, commencing at 2.30 p.m.: 2.30 p.m.—"The Canberra Handicap"—1½ miles. A steeplechase for Australian Ponies. Winner a Cup or \$50.; 2nd \$25.; 3rd \$15.; Entry Fee \$3.

Fairey (154 lbs.), Glorious Star (163 lbs.), Juliette (152 lbs.), Lucy Glitters (158 lbs.) and Saltire (154 lbs.).

"The Ambulance Cup"—1½ miles. A hurdle race for China Ponies. Weight 163 lbs. Winners of a hurdle race last season 5 lbs. penalty. Winners of a steeplechase last season barred. Winner a Cup or \$50.; 2nd \$25.; 3rd \$15. Entry Fee \$3.

Benerth (163 lbs.), China Clipper (163 lbs.), Election Time (163 lbs.), Ike (163 lbs.), Jack O'Lantern (163 lbs.), Lancashire Tich (163 lbs.), Widnes (163 lbs.) and Zero (163 lbs.).

"The Taipei Handicap"—1½ miles. A steeplechase for China Ponies. Winner a Cup or \$50.; 2nd \$25.; 3rd \$15. Entry Fee \$3.

Double Chance (152 lbs.), Estover (163 lbs.) and Jan Stewer (150 lbs.).

"The December Country Cup"—Over the Country Course finishing on the Race Course. For China Ponies. Winners of a hurdle race or steeplechase last season barred. Catchweight 168 lbs. Winner a Cup or \$50.; 2nd \$25.; 3rd \$15. Entry Fee \$3.

Ascot, Benerth, Canary, Ebony Idol, Herga, Jock Scott, Magnolia, Nebular Star, The Minx and Tob Cobley.

"The Ladies' Scurry"—½ mile. For China Ponies. Weight 150 lbs. Ponies that have started at this meeting 10 lbs. allowance. Winners of a steeplechase last season and winners at this meeting barred. To be ridden by ladies. Winner a Cup or \$50.; 2nd \$25.; 3rd \$15. Entry Fee \$3.

Araxy, China Clipper, Cloudy Eve, Double Chance, Hogmanay, Ike, King's Worthy, Mac's Adventure, March Brown and Pleasant Day.

MACAO JOCKEY CLUB NEW YEAR MEETING

The following programme has been arranged by the Macao Jockey Club to be held in Macao on Sunday, January 2:

Szechuen Handicap—Winner \$150. Second \$75. Third \$50. For China Ponies. Six Furlongs.

Ching Hoi Handicap—For China Ponies. Seven Furlongs.

Kansu Handicap—For China Ponies classified by the Hong Kong Jockey Club as "E" class. Five Furlongs.

Christmas Handicap—For China Ponies. One Mile.

Sinkiang Handicap—For China Ponies classified by the Hong Kong Jockey Club as "D" class. Six Furlongs.

N.B.—If Entries permit of a division, this race will be divided into two sections.

Ladies' Dash (Unofficial)—A Cup will be presented to the Winning Rider.

Souvenirs will also be presented to the 2nd and 3rd placed Riders. For China Ponies. To be ridden by Ladies. Catchweight. No Whips or Spurs allowed.

Five Furlongs.

Entries will close on December 22.

In connection with the "Christmas Handicap," the fourth race on the programme, a special \$1 sweep is being conducted. The cost of a thorough ticket, including a chance in the special sweep, is \$6 per set, while a book of five tickets in the special sweep is available at \$4.50, both obtainable from the Club's office at Stock Exchange Building.

SUNDAY'S GAME

A friendly game of cricket has been arranged between the Hong Kong University Alumni Association and the Craigengower Cricket Club for Sunday, December 12, commencing at 1.30 p.m. The following have been chosen to represent the Alumni Association:

P. Zimmerman (Capt.), D. J. N. Anderson, A. Bakar, E. L. Gossard, W. H. Kwan, C. W. Lam, T. T. Rida, A. M. Rodriguez, P. N. M. de Silva, W. Hong Sing and J. L. Youngs.

THE AUSTRALIAN XI FINE HURDLING AT OXFORD

FOR ENGLAND THE WICKET-KEEPING CANDIDATES

SIFTING OUT THE YOUNGER BATSMEN AND THE NO. 2 FAST BOWLER

(By "NOT OUT")

Sydney, November 6.

WHEN the selectors of South Australia sit down to carry out the instructions of their Association executive and choose the two best teams in Australia (to include W. H. Ponsford, C. V. Grimmett, and V. Y. Richardson) for the testimonial match in Adelaide, they may have form in four first-class matches to colour their glasses.

IF CHOSEN AT AN EARLIER DATE, THE SELECTORS WILL BE GUIDED PARTLY BY LAST SEASON'S FORM. THE FIRST ELEVEN MIGHT REASONABLY BE AS FOLLOWS (IN BATTING ORDER): J. H. FINGLETON, W. A. BROWN, D. G. BRADMAN, S. J. McCABE, C. L. RADCOCK, R. G. GREGORY, W. A. OLDFIELD, W. J. O'REILLY, F. WARD, L. O'B. FLEETWOOD-SMITH, AND E. L. MCCORMICK.

The eleven would be very powerful in batting, good in bowling and in fielding, save in the slips, where Chipperfield's absence would be felt. The other team is not so easy to name by a committee which may not be as closely in touch as they might desire with some of the younger ones who may come into the running for the English tour. Nevertheless, the South Australian committee will be able to make a selection to meet with approbation from most cricketers. All the players with good credentials cannot be got into one eleven.

It may be wise for the selectors to give preference in this eleven to the younger men, leaving some who have had tours and whose abilities will be easily appraised by the Test selectors at the end of January when the sixteen for England are to be chosen. There are different angles, and one has no doubt a right angle will be taken by the S. A. selectors with so many efficient players available.

OPENING BATSMEN

Selection of the team for England (sixteen), by Messrs. Bradman, Dwyer and Johnson, may not be so delicate as it would now appear. Form and performances may simplify matters. Any doubt felt about W. A. Brown's position as partner of J. H. Fingleton may disappear very soon.

The selection of second wicket-keeper will become clearer as the big matches are played. At the moment those in the running are D. Tallon (Q.), B. A. Barnett (Victoria) and C. Walker (S.A.) Opinion may differ as to which is the best keeper, and how far the question of batting should influence the final decision. If wicket-keeping qualifications be not definitely in favour of one man. Again the selectors will probably take the future into consideration by realising that W. A. Oldfield according to the diary of life and history is not likely to continue for very many years—agile and clever as he still is. The right understudy will have to be chosen. Into this F. W. Easton may eventually come.

HOW MANY FAST BOWLERS?

Another highly interesting matter is the fast bowling. Will one or two be chosen? If two, there are three on the horizon for the second place, assuming that E. L. McCormick is number one, owing to his great speed when at his best. L. Nash has not been chosen in his State practice team. This may weaken any prospects he has.

H. Cotton and J. G. Lush are the other two rivals for a place. Both are young and keen. They are different in type. Lush is an all-rounder, a fine fieldman anywhere and a batsman who might help to win a test when runs are needed in a ticklish finish.

Cotton is a type who thrives on work. If anything went wrong with McCormick he would be better able to stand up to the heavy work than Lush. He also keeps a better length. That about covers the position as it affects the fast bowling at present.

LEFT-HANDED BOWLERS

Will a medium pace orthodox left hand bowler be chosen? One's view is that no team should ever be sent to Eng. and without one of the sort, unless very strongly equipped with other high

Effortless Win By J. N. Irwin

(By BEVIL RUDD)

London, November 14.

The 10.3sec sprint by P. J. Wells (Ampleforth and Magdalen) was the only notable performance among the Freshmen when the Oxford Freshmen's and Seniors' Sports were concluded at the Hilly-road track yesterday.

The weather this time was no excuse. It was sunny and windless, and the Seniors' events yielded excellent results. The Freshmen's three-mile was nearly a minute slower than the 15min 36.8sec which P. D. Marrian took in winning the Seniors' race, and E. P. R. Jourdain won the Seniors' half-mile in 2min 2.1sec, as against the 2min 9.4sec by the Freshman, D. N. Whateley (Clifton and Hertford). Even so, Whateley has the making of a really good runner, and so has A. C. E. Long (Westminster and B.N.C.), who was second.

Long left his finishing spurt till rather late, and although he caught and passed R. S. Blease (Whitgift and B.N.C.), the winner of the mile on Monday, Whateley never faltered.

The half-mile provided the best races of the day. In the Seniors E. M. Harting-Roberts led for a 58.5sec. quarter followed by J. Brook. Two hundred and fifty yards from home E. P. R. Jourdain, lying third, shot into the lead. At one time it looked as if he could not stick the pace he had set, but he just held on, although J. O. Moreton were down on him strongly in the last 50 yards.

PERFECT HURDLING

J. N. Irwin, former captain of Princeton, won the Seniors low hurdles effortlessly and with perfect execution. R. A. Powell who had previously won the long jump with 21ft. 8½in, did very well to get within eight yards of Irwin. I expected Irwin to be given a faster time than 26.6sec., for I timed Powell to do 26.8sec. The Freshmen's low hurdles might have been considerably faster than 29sec. had P. W. Allsebrook (Settes and B.N.C.) not fallen at the third hurdle. He went off at a great pace and was well in front. He picked himself up after his crash and came on, but his position was, by then, hopeless. A. C. E. Long, the half-miler, and G. R. Cooper (St. Edward's, Oxford and Trinity) dead-heated in a keen finish.

K. T. Jenkins beat the American, C. H. Kerney, by a yard in the Seniors 100 yards in 10.3sec. Wells won the Freshmen's race (nearly three yards from the two South Africans, A. R. Clayton and E. J. Themissen). Wells's swimming reminds one very much of K. S. Duncan. He is a distinct acquisition and so is the German, Helge Merz. Otherwise Oxford's new blood is disappointing.

We shall see what Cambridge have to-day and to-morrow when their Freshmen's sports take place at Fenner's. The programme starts at 2.30 p.m. on both days. The Oxford and Cambridge Freshmen's match is on November 15 at Cambridge.

grade bowling.

A left hander will be needed in 1938. At the moment the best is E. White, whose height, accurate length, and ability to bowl the slow-medium going away are a good combination. Besides, he is a very fair batsman who might be a tough one to dismiss in a test fight for honours in a last innings. E. R. Wyeth, of Queensland, is another but not quite so accurate, though more flight. The form of the next month or two will help to solve this problem.

WARD IS WORTH IT

The leg-break bowler question is covered by the age of C. V. Grimmett and the ability of F. Ward. It looks like the younger man getting the verdict. He is worth it.

Sitting out the younger batsmen and all-rounders will be delicate. It should be governed by form and soundness and these matters will have the light in the next two or three months thrown upon them.

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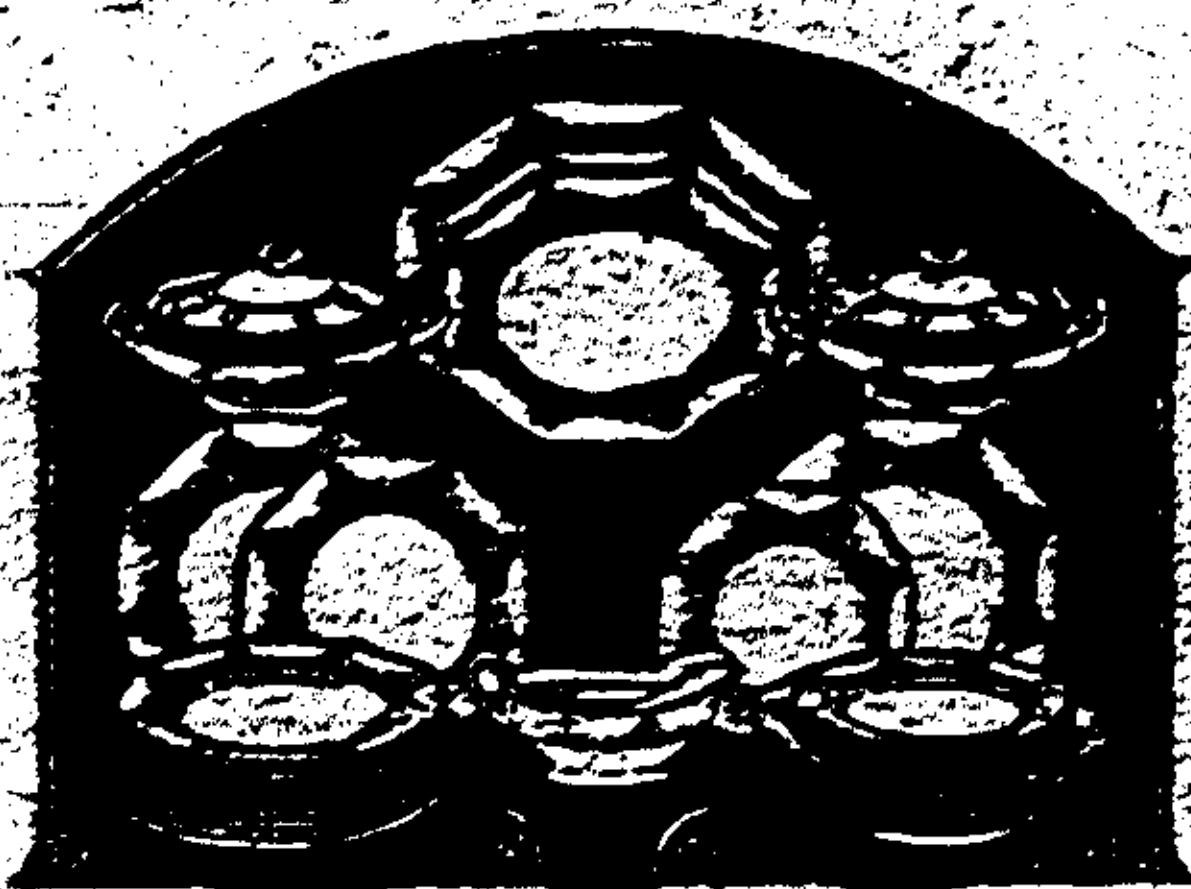
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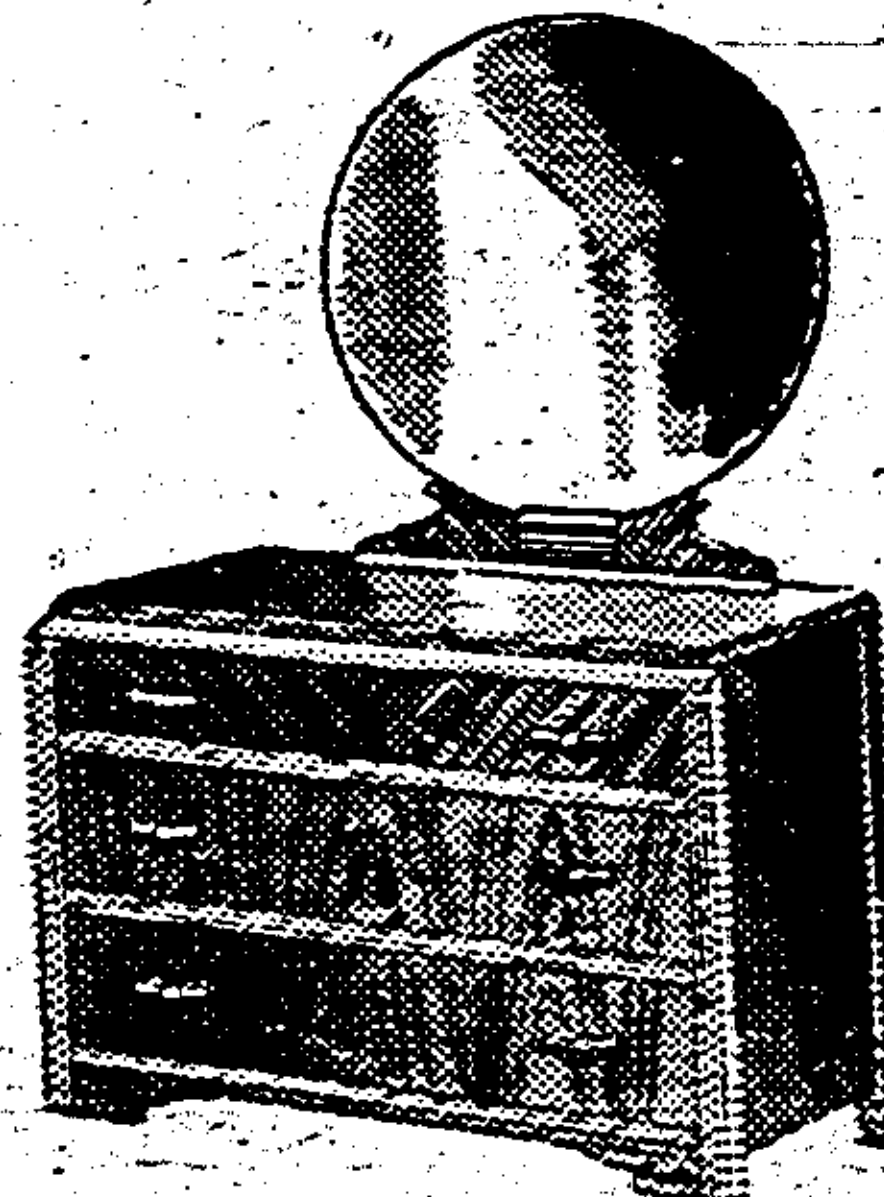
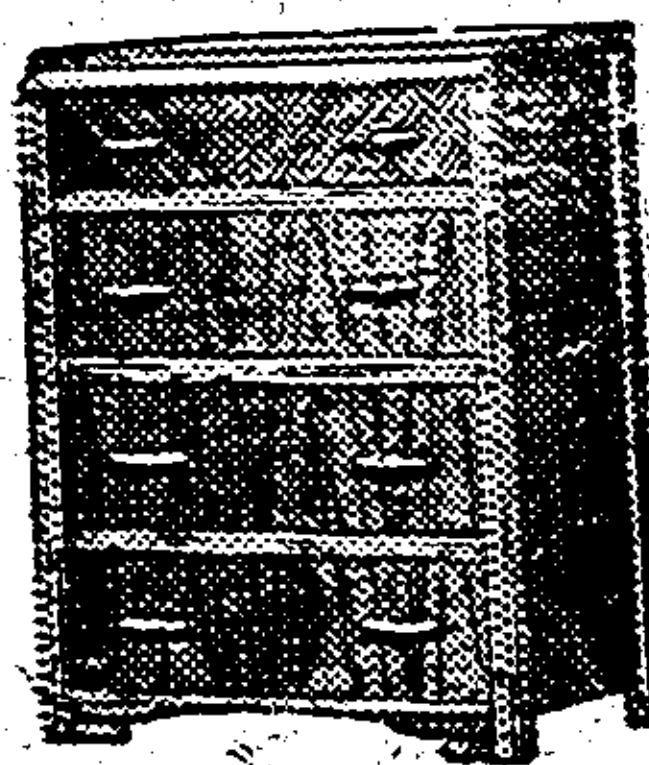
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"HANDS OFF" CUSTOMS: JAPAN DEMAND

Shanghai, To-day.

Reviewing the issues involved in the current Chinese Customs problem, the Shanghai "United News," the Japanese newspaper, advises third parties to exercise a hands-off policy in the matter.

The journal asserts that it is clearly understood abroad that Japan is negotiating with the Customs, which is an organ of the Chinese Government, but not with third parties, regarding control of the Customs.

Any attempt by persons of other nationalities whatever their positions, at interference in negotiations now proceeding between Japan and the Customs authorities, "should be flatly rejected by the Japanese."

"UNFRIENDLY ACTS"

Japan, however, is not disregarding the interests and vested rights of third parties.

The newspaper adds: "Viewed in this light, we cannot but consider any move taken by third parties in interfering with Sino-Japanese negotiations or exerting illegal pressure on the Customs authorities in the order to protect their own interests from the Tsekingshen and Chung-and vested rights, as an unfriendly act towards Japan."—Reuter.

FATE OF NANKING HANGING IN BALANCE

(Continued from Page 1)

General Matsui, who added "I highly appreciate the successful attainment of your difficult task."

Japanese sources state that seven other bodies of Japanese troops, with large number of tanks, are now attempting to force their way into the city from north, east and south.

WAY OF RETREAT

The way of retreat was still open to the defenders across the Yangtse last night, but unless they slipped out during the night, Nanking is expected to be a death trap for them to-day, when Japanese aeroplanes resume activity.

Chinese circles admit that further defence of the city will have no military value, but is important as a symbol of China's will to resist. They assert that the loss of Nanking, like loss of Shanghai, will mark only a phase of the war.—Reuter.

BEATING THE GUN

Shanghai, To-day.

Beating the gun as usual, a local Japanese paper last night announced the "capture" of Nanking.—Trans-Ocean.

TAIPINGMEN ENTERED

The Ono, Sukigawa, Noda and the Katagiri Brigades proceeding from the Tsekingshen and Chung-and vested rights, as an unfriendly act towards Japan."—Reuter.

FIGHT UNTO DEATH

Hankow, To-day.

Not a single Chinese soldier survived the action fought around the aerodrome outside Nanking.

The first Japanese column to enter the city was driven back by a desperate rush after the invaders had lost hundreds of men and six tanks.

General Tang Sheng-shih, the Chinese commander, was yesterday personally directing operations in the firing line.—Trans-Ocean.

the Taiping Gate and late last night, finally entered the walls through the Hooping Gate, north-east of Nanking.

The Chinese fought bravely and resisted stubbornly, but the continuous rain of bombs, some of which were 500-pounders, forced them to give ground.

JAPANESE BRIGADE WIPED OUT

South-east of Nanking, the Yamada, Yamasaki and the Yamamoto Brigades, after fighting the whole afternoon and evening in fighting during which one of the brigades was almost wiped out, they occupied the Tungchi Gate.

The fall of the Tungchi Gate caused also the fall of the Chungwah Gate, south of Nanking, which was entered by the Yasagawa, Takishida and the Okamoto Brigades.

Shelled and bombed for several hours, the Chinese troops defending the Chung Shan Gate were also forced to retire into the Capital. This gate was occupied by the Huji and the Hitome Brigades.

ALL GATES SEIZED

All gates north, east and south of the Capital are now controlled by Japanese troops.

According to the authoritative report received this morning, the Japanese are virtually stalemated by the machine-gun nests in the streets of the capital.

More severe losses have been suffered within the walls than in the storming of the gates.

Every street in the fighting zone is strewn with the bodies of thousands of troops, killed in action.

COMPANIES BLOWN UP

The exploding of land mines laid have brought disaster to whole companies of Japanese troops.

Bombs are still raining on the Capital.

The City was illuminated throughout the night by great fires raging everywhere. Our Own Correspondent.

COSTLY JAPANESE PROGRESS

Hankow, To-day.

The Battle of Nanking, which opened at 1.30 yesterday afternoon, has developed into the severest trial of strength between Japanese and Chinese forces since the outbreak of hostilities.

It appears certain from information reaching Hankow that the Chinese forces entrusted with the task of defending the capital are putting up a great effort and will fight on to the bitter end.

Fierce fighting is going on. It is admitted that the Japanese having captured Pankiaochien and Yushan-chien only at a very heavy cost.

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The Empress of Asia on her way to Kobe from Hong Kong at 8 a.m. this morning was 250 miles from the Hoover and is proceeding to the spot to give assistance.

It is now reported that the Hoover is being pounded heavily.

It has not yet been decided whether a tug will be sent from Hong Kong, but arrangements have been made to send one if necessary.

Hankow, To-day.

News from Nanking is coming in only intermittently, but it seems that the Japanese are still fighting on the outskirts inside the walls and have by no means penetrated into the centre of the city.—Trans-Ocean.

London, To-day.

Salvage work in the Castlereagh railway disaster is being hindered by a fire which broke out in the wreckage at midnight G.M.T., necessitating the calling of the Fire Brigade in order to prevent the burning of bodies.

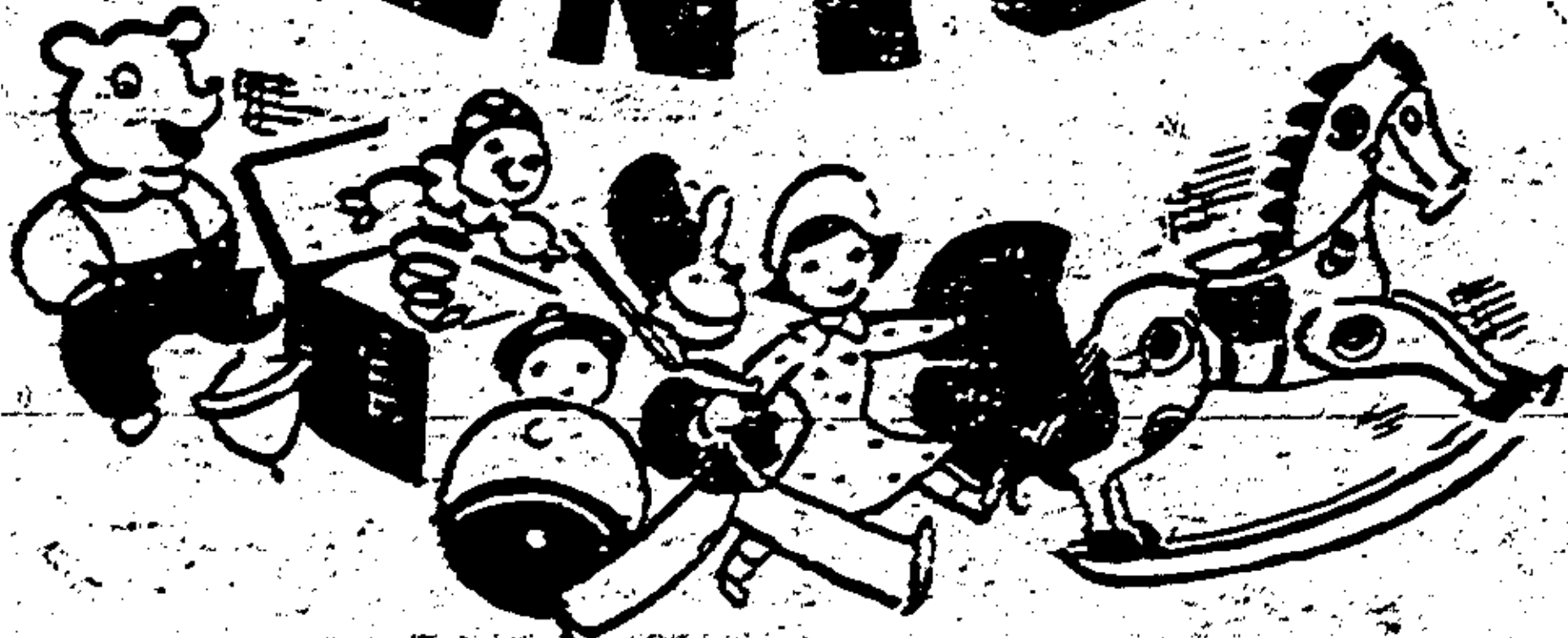
At midnight, 24 bodies had been taken out and sent to the mortuary and it was believed that at least eight more were still in the wreckage.—Reuter.

NEWS FLASHES

NAVAL BATTLE. The only real naval battle for which excursion boats sold "ringside seats" took place in the English Channel on June 19, 1864. The American Union ship Kearsarge attacked the confederate cruiser Alabama docked at Cherbourg, France. ROYAL typewriters report from "ringside seats" all battles for supremacy.

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